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Red tape hitch to freedom for Lenny



Lenny Henry

RED tape has delayed a decision to award Dudley comedian Lenny Henry the Freedom of the Borough.

Dudley councillors were expected to officially confirm the comic would become an Honorary Freeman of the Borough at an extraordinary meeting that was held on Monday.

But Conservative leader Councillor Les Jones proposed a motion for the decision to be delayed until the next meeting in November.

He called for a working party to be formed to develop "clear and agreed" guidelines which could be used in the future.

Councillor Jones said the accolade had previously been bestowed on councillors who had served for 35 years or military regiments with long-standing ties to the borough. He said the only exception to this had been Dudley-born mountain climber and peace campaigner Bert Bissell.

Gloves are off at raffle

A PAIR of boxing gloves signed by members of Team GB Boxing raised £350 when they were raffled at a match night in Cradley Heath.

The cash from the gloves, brought back by Lions Boxing Club coach Bob Dillon from this year's Olympic games, will go towards equipment for the gym in Bull Street, Brierley Hill.

The gloves were presented to the winner by professional boxer Joe Murray, best known for his 2007 World Amateur Boxing Bantamweight Championship.

£400,000 TEAM TO TACKLE NUISANCES

by Heather Large

ALMOST £400,000 will be spent setting up a specialist team of workers tasked with tackling anti-social behaviour in council homes in Dudley. The team will be responsible for trying to drive down the number of complaints which are logged with the council each year.

A third more wardens will target illegally parked vehicles

THE number of traffic wardens at Dudley Council will be increased by more than a third in a bid to tackle illegal parking in problem areas.

The council says a shortage of enforcement officers means out-of-town regions, including the roads around Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, have been overlooked. But now five staff will be recruited in the coming weeks, in addition to the 14 employed by the authority.

Transport chief, Councillor Judy Foster said the council should have 23 officers but previous cuts have left the numbers depleted.

It comes as residents living near Russells Hall Hospital complain that new restrictions designed to stop the roads getting clogged up are not being enforced.

It was revealed that no tickets were issued in the surrounding streets in three months since the crackdown started.

Some 125 drivers have been fined for illegally parking in Pensnett High Street outside the hospital since July 1 - where parking was already banned. Council chiefs say there were no tickets issued in neighbouring roads in the same period.

In the year up to October 1, there were 21 notices handed out in Busheyfields Road, and just two apiece in Elgar Crescent and Tennyson Street. None in Byron Street and Vicarage Road. Councillor Foster said: "Enforcement resources have been very thinly spread and the priority points were busy areas in town centres and other areas."

They will also help people who report problems, attempt to resolve issues that arise between tenants and gather evidence for court hearings.

Last year the authority received 823 reports about anti-social behaviour between March and December.

The council issued six possession orders, where a court grants the authority possession of a property.

Two court injunctions were also handed to tenants, which can lead to a fine or jail if they are breached.

The council is now planning to recruit a team manager, four anti-social behaviour officers, a tenancy fraud officer, a housing management assistant, two housing solicitors and two legal housing assistants. The cost will be £393,224.

Effective

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, said: "The people of Dudley have consistently asked for a robust approach on issues relating to anti-social behaviour, and this new team will build on our commitment to that."

"The team will work closely with the legal department and take appropriate and effective action against the people who cause anti-social behaviour. I want to send a clear message that Dudley Council will no longer tolerate anti-social behaviour."

"The team will be responsible for investigating and responding to complaints of anti-social behaviour."

"It will provide support, reassurance to those who make complaints of anti-social behaviour or nuisance and collect evidence as professional witnesses, where necessary. The team will also be responsible for counter-fraud policy."

The council is also tackling anti-social behaviour through the 'troubled families' scheme.

More than 700 families in the borough in Dudley will be offered help as part of a Government programme aimed at tackling problems which are often passed from generation to generation.

Funding will be provided in a bid to encourage more children to return to school and get more adults back into work.

Why we did something to help



Andy Matthews and Kevin Pullinger of the Laurel and Hardy Appreciation Society

A LAUREL and Hardy themed fundraiser has been held for the campaign to save Dudley Hippodrome.

The Birmingham branch of the Laurel and Hardy Appreciation Society hosted the event at the Station Hotel in Castle Hill.

Four films were screened and a raffle was held in aid of the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome. Group leader Geoff Fitzpatrick said

£141 was raised from entry fees and a further £79 from the raffle.

Mr Fitzpatrick said: "It went very well, we had about 40 people there and it was really good."

"The important thing is bringing people together and publicising the campaign and the issues around demolishing the Hippodrome and turning it into a car park."

College unveils a £7m bid for centre

DUDLEY College has unveiled plans for a £7million site housing a centre for advanced manufacturing and engineering technology.

It will be built in Priory Road, opposite the recently opened sixth form centre, Dudley Sixth.

The site will offer courses for more than 1,200 students. The college had previously planned to build a technology centre on the Broadway campus.

But it will now build a centre for construction courses on the site instead.

The plans also mean the college will not resubmit its bid for funding to open a University Technical College. Bosses said they said the new scheme called Dudley Advance "better suits local needs".

The curriculum of the centre will be developed and delivered in close partnership with Aston University and local employers.

Plans for a new £7 million advanced manufacturing and engineering technology centre at Dudley College will help boost the region's industries, principal Lowell Williams said today.

The college is working on the plans with Aston University and employers, including The Thomas Dudley Group and The Hadley Group. They want to ensure courses are designed with employers in mind.

Market spat is resolved

AN indoor shopping market has reopened following a dispute between the owner and landlord that closed it for two days.

Traders and shoppers turned up to Plaza Malls, High Street, Dudley, to find the doors locked last week.

The market was closed while negotiations took place between owner Tony Swannie and the landlord.

Mr Swannie said: "We had a small dispute with the landlord over a discrepancy in payments. Everything is sorted now."

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Sports car smashes into kitchen



The Toyota MR2 that hit the house

A SPORTS car left the road and skidded more than 100ft along a grass embankment before smashing through a fence and into the kitchen of a house.

A young mother had been in the kitchen in Brierley Hill, just a minute before the convertible smashed into it.

It is believed the female driver of the red Toyota MR2 lost control after crossing the bridge in Pen-

snett Road and hitting a curb. She was cut free from the car by firefighters and taken to Russells Hall Hospital. Her injuries are not believed to be serious.

Rebecca Poyner, aged 17, had been mixing milk for her five-month-old son in the kitchen just one minute before the car hit. Miss Poyner's sister Stacey Havins, 24, her two-year-old daughter and two-month-old son, and mother Lesley

Poyner, 48, and her three-year-old son, were also in the house.

Lesley said: "We were sat in the living room feeding when I heard a big bang. I got up and went through to the kitchen and saw the front of the car bonnet. I got everyone out the house quickly and then called the police."

"It was so lucky the car hadn't gone through the wall one minute earlier."

Brother and sister kept a menagerie in squalor

A BROTHER and sister kept a menagerie of animals in squalid conditions in their Dudley home, a court was told.

Lawrence and Shirley Anne Griffin's pets which included a dog, five snakes, two cats, three birds, two lizards, a gerbil and two mice were found by RSPCA officers after the pair



Shirley Anne Griffin

Lawrence Griffin

were evicted from the house.

Among the animals discovered, officers from the charity found a 15-year-old dog called Rocky lying on the floor, soaked in its own mess, in the Chestnut Drive house. The dog, which could not stand up, had to be put down.

Mr Griffin, aged 57, and Miss Griffin, 52, both of Stourbridge Road, Brierley Hill, appeared at Dudley Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Both pleaded guilty to causing unnecessary suffering to the dog and to not providing a suitable environment for the animal.

Mrs Gaynor Sutton, prosecuting, told the hearing, "In the front living room behind the door was an adult dog lying on its side. At first sight, the dog was unrecognisable."

Urgent

"The dog was unable to stand. The dog was extremely thin and needed urgent veterinary attention."

She added: "The house was squalid and filthy, the carpet was covered in general filth."

"A police officer described the smell as one of the worst he had ever smelt."

Vets found the dog was starving, dehydrated, had a tumour on its belly and was suffering from arthritis.

In interview, Mr Griffin, a security guard for West Midlands Police, said the dog had been left in the rush to leave the house, and they were going to return for him. The case was adjourned for reports. The pair will be sentenced on October 26.

Toasting reopening of JB's



Ramesh Ahir, front, Sol Morgan, left, Amarjit Mall, Michael Clews, Steve Welsh and Ravinder Ahir celebrate the reopening of the revamped Dudley club JB's

FAMOUS Dudley club JB's got the seal of approval from revellers as it reopened at the weekend.

The Castle Hill venue, where big names such as Led Zeppelin's Robert Plant and U2 have played, has undergone a 10-month, six-figure restoration and will hold live music and tribute nights, conferences, wedding receptions and banquet parties.

Tribute acts to Michael Buble, Amy Winehouse and Pink performed.

JB's closed in January 2011 after going into administration. It was auctioned for £225,000 and is owned by Ramesh Kumar Ahir, who took over in October.

The Northamptonshire businessman has owned Midland music and banqueting venues for 30 years.

£525,000 Christian fraudster is jailed

AN accountant who volunteered to be treasurer of a church and charity in Stourbridge has been jailed for stealing £525,000.

Stephen Methuen, of Smalman Close, Wordsley was sentenced to five years for fraud, which he committed as treasurer for both Amblecote Christian Centre, of which he was a member, and the Christian International Relief Mission.

But over a six-year period, he stole an estimated £400,000 from the evangelical church and more than £100,000 from the charity.

Some of the money was made up of £195,000 in falsified gift aid payments made to the Christian centre by the Government, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The stolen funds was used by Methuen, aged 57, to pay off credit card debts and to help refurbish the Stourbridge home he shared with his, now estranged, wife Lynda.

Some went to his failed business, Accountancy Services Midlands Ltd, which went into liquidation in 2009. Prosecutor Mrs Rona Campbell said: "He used particularly calculating and callous manoeuvres."

Oh, try, try, try, Delilah

DUDLEY Zoo is hoping a recently introduced female will prompt breeding among critically endangered primates.

Five-year-old spider monkey Delilah has joined male Goochie and females Zula and Valentine.

It is part of an international conservation programme for the species.

Zoo curator Matt Lewis said: "This year Spider Monkeys have, sadly, been upgraded on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's Red List of Threatened Species and are now considered critically endangered."

Free workshops

CHILDREN and families can take part in free workshops during Dudley's Family Learning Festival.

This year's theme is "Imagine" in a festival starting on October 23 with a free workshop at Dudley library by Miasma Comics illustrator Patrick Duval. Call 01384 818143.

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Baseball bat used in attack

A TEENAGER was attacked with a baseball bat in one of two mobile phone robberies in the region.

The 19-year-old needed hospital treatment after he was assaulted by four youths at a bus stop in Drews Holloway, Halesowen.

The victim dropped his mobile phone after being hit with the bat and the four youths, who had their faces covered, ran off with it.

Three of the youths were white, one was thought to be of mixed race. All wore clothing across their faces and one had a shoulder bag.

The incident on September 14, was followed by a similar robbery in Lutley Mill Road, Cradley on September 28 at 10pm.

Two teenagers, aged 15 and 16, were stopped by a group of older youths who held one of the victims in a headlock and forced the other to hand over their BlackBerry phones.

The attackers were white, late teens to early 20s. One was 5ft 6in, another 6ft.

One was wearing a dark grey hoodie with orange Adidas logo in the middle. The other was wearing a green hoodie. They had local accents. Police are looking into a possible link.

Village flag is approved

PLANS for a new flag to fly above a village in Dudley have been approved, paving the way for the scheme.

It's hoped the flag will provide a focus for community events in the centre of Gornal throughout the year.

Dudley Council has granted planning permission for the flagpole at the corner of Abbey Street and Abbey Road. Organisers are hoping to secure £1,389 from the authority's North Dudley Area Committee to fund the project.

Cash will be spent on manufacturing the flag and installing the pole.

Survey on care

DUDLEY residents are being asked for their views on adult social care in the borough.

The council is looking for as many people as possible who receive practical help on a regular basis to answer simple questions about their experiences.

Complete the survey at www.dudley.gov.uk/takecontrol or call 01384 814280.

Sex assault probe police seeking two men



CCTV images of two men police want to talk to

A WOMAN was sexually assaulted and robbed near a railway station in Dudley. Police have looked through CCTV footage from the time of the attack and have released images of two men they want to talk to.

Officers say the men might have witnessed something to help the inquiry. The assault happened near Lye railway station.

The woman, who has learning difficulties, was also robbed of her phone and music player. She was sitting on a wall at a factory unit at the time.

The 21-year-old was asked for a cigarette by a man and had a conversation with him before he assaulted her. He then ran off in the direction of the station.

De Kim Humphreys, from the public protection unit in Halesowen, said: "These men were captured on CCTV at a nearby petrol station just prior to the assault."

"We would like to speak to them to see if they saw something which will lead us to the attacker."

"We would also like to hear from anyone who recognises them or from anyone who was in the area at the time and may have seen anything," De

Humphreys added. "The young woman was very distressed by her ordeal and would like to see her attacker brought to justice to prevent this happening to someone else."

The attacker was 6ft and of mixed race and with a scarring on his left arm, which formed the shape of dots.

He was wearing a red top with a pattern, with blue jeans, a black belt and light trainers. The attack happened on August 11 at around 12.30pm.

Anyone with information about the incident should call 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Market traders left feeling sick over changes to rules

MARKET traders in Dudley are protesting about changes to sick day rules that they claim will leave them out of pocket. Under current rules stall rent fees are waived for permanent traders if they have a serious or long-term illness.

by Heather Large

The council is now proposing instead that charges are waived only when someone is off sick for a period of six continuous weeks.

Dudley Council says the suggested new system would be "much simpler and fairer" for the stallholders and would be subject to a six-month review.

But stallholders are now calling for a rethink and are urging the council to consider a new policy. They want fees to be waived when someone has a doctor's note, regardless of how long they are off sick for.

They held a protest in the market place last week and have launched a petition to gather support for their campaign.

Chairman of Dudley Market Traders Association Len Lenihan claimed some of the traders had been seriously ill with heart attacks and cancer treatment but still had to pay for their pitches. Under the rules, a

stallholder needs to pay 80 per cent of the rent if they do not turn up due to illness that's not considered serious or long-term.

Mr Lenihan said: "We think the council needs to move with the times and have a more sensitive approach. In some cases the council doesn't lose out as there will be casual traders who will rent the pitch while someone is off sick."

Councillor Gaye Partridge, said: "For the past few months we have been talking with traders representatives in Dudley about a review of market regulations."

"The sickness policy, with regard to fees remains and is the only issue that still needs discussion."

"Currently there is a proposal on the table for a much simpler and fairer system which would be subject to a six month review."

Major project starts

A MULTI-million pound building project to dramatically transform the centre of West Bromwich has started.

Contractors have moved into the Duchess and Princess Parade sections of High Street as part of the £8.2m Public Realm improvement scheme.

The project will transform the face of the town centre and will include a public square, sculptures and greenery as well as paving, seating, bins, lighting and trees.

The project will also join up areas around the town centre including the new £200m Tesco development, Providence Place office block, Sandwell College and Dartmouth Park. The plans include improving the pedestrianised High Street at Duchess Parade and Princess Parade.



Beacon Centre administration assistant Hannah Blake, aged 19, and physical education officer Ben Brittle, 27

Monster bash for Beacon

FUNDRAISERS are wanted to get into the spirit of Halloween during a charity bash.

Wicked witches and groovy ghouls are wanted take to the floor for a good natured dance macabre at the event in Gornal later this month.

Cash raised by the Halloween disco is going to be donated to Sedgley's Beacon Centre for the Blind.

The dance is scheduled to take place at Gornal British Legion, Ruiton Street, on October 26 starting at 7.30pm.

Fancy dress is optional but organisers hope people will get into the spirit of the night with some wild and wicked outfits.

Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children and can be purchased in advance from Karen Gullick at Beacon Centre for the Blind.

Alternatively they can be bought from the British Legion centre itself or on the door on the night.

For further information on the event, call Karen on 01902 880111 or email kgullick@beacon4blind.co.uk for details.

NEWS in brief

Church members to visit Uganda

A TEAM of adults and teenagers from churches in Kidderminster will travel to Uganda this month.

They have been invited by Alpha Uganda to partner with them in running training sessions in Lira, an area ravaged by conflict that ended in 2006.

The group will be working with church leaders and young people from the area, visiting secondary schools. They will also be stopping off in a National Park.

Hospice saving £1,000 per year

A HOSPICE in Worcester-shire is now saving more than £1,000 a year on waste collections thanks to Midland recycling firm.

Blackpole Recycling, Worcester offered to provide an enclosed skip to collect waste paper, rather than St Richard's Hospice having to pay for it to be collected.

Blackpole sales manager David Jenkins said: "We are delighted to support St Richard's and help save the charity money which can be better spent."

Go-ahead likely on £1m complex

A LEISURE attraction for Merry Hill centre looks set to be given the go-ahead after no formal objections were lodged.

Paragon Entertainment submitted two planning applications for the £1 million complex to Dudley Council last month.

The scheme, called Quest, will include five indoor and outdoor attractions.

Behind scenes of castle museum

A DAY of behind-the-scenes tours at Worcester-shire County Museum will take place on October 24.

The museum, at Hartlebury Castle, is to allow visitors to learn more about its collections.

Visitors will get a private tour of the museum's off-site stores.

Tickets, are £6, and can be booked 01299 250416.

Lion puts bite on

A NEW mascot is encouraging children at schools in Wyre Forest to look after their teeth as part of a health initiative. The 6ft Lucky the Lion character has visited six schools.

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A READER, having a problem with a company, sent an email of complaint and received a reply which begins: "I have noted your comments and can only apologise for the error and for any inconvenience caused." Perfect.

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HOW could Jimmy Savile have got away with so many alleged attacks on young girls without anyone making a fuss? Never underestimate the power of celebrity. Some years ago, the comedian Jack Dee made the point that people would have been less eager to defend Michael Jackson, with his bed-sharing parties and kiddy-magnet fairground, if he had been not a rock superstar but a lorry driver from Essex.

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WHAT is Lord Prescott of Thumpingham's favourite new Labour policy? "Having a go at the banks!" he snarls with relish. Those of us without severe amnesia will recall that John Prescott was part of the Labour government which let the banks do exactly as they wanted, and landed us in this mess.

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REMEMBER how before the 2010 General Election, the Tories promised an end to the daily diet of red tape and elf 'n' safety nonsense? We have since learned that more people are being prosecuted for puffing wheelie-bin offences and that more speed cameras are on the way. Just before the Conservative conference began came news that parents at a school in Swindon have been told they must pass a Criminal Records Bureau check before they can watch their children taking part in sports meetings. So the brave new world is much the same as the stupid old one.

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TALES from the National Parks (BBC4) was a typical story of our time, a clash between off-roaders and locals. The off-roaders have a legal right to drive 4x4s along the green lanes of the Peak District and seem determined to exercise that right, even if it brings disturbance and distress to residents. We have a similar problem in the urban fringe near Chateau Rhodes with moto-cross riders who turn up, rip the countryside to pieces, destroy the Sunday tranquillity and then accuse anyone who complains of being intolerant.

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THE fascinating world of television ethics. In the United States a TV news company apologises profusely for screening the moment when a runaway driver put a gun to his head and killed himself. Such scenes are supposed to be stopped with a five-second delay in broadcasting but this image slipped through the techno-net. Meanwhile on Dr Who (BBC1), Amy Pond and her husband kill themselves by holding hands and jumping to their deaths, leaving young viewers with the message that if you commit suicide with the person you love, you'll come straight back to life. So that's all right.

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RAILTON and Dawn Elliott spent £6,000 of their hard-earned money rescuing a cat from the chaos of the Egyptian revolution and resettling it at their home in Oxfordshire. And how has this fortunate creature repaid them? By running away. Fond though I am of our old moggie, it is a rule of life that if you want a loving, loyal and grateful pet, don't get a cat.

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MORE on terms such as "aubergine toaster" that change their meaning depending on how you pronounce them. A doctor I know has just been given a new job. He is an Elderly Tsar.

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THE world will end on December 21 this year. Or at least that was the plan, according to scaremongers who told us the ancient Mayan calendar ended on that date. However, it is a golden rule of the Armageddon industry that the closer the big day gets, the quieter the prophets become. The latest buzz is that December 21 may see "a big change" beginning. On the other hand, it might bring a small change. Or hardly any change. I can confidently predict December 21 will fall four days before Christmas. No change there, then.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Guides are to be given schools role

FORTY costumed guides whose jobs were feared to be at risk could be given new roles as part of cost-cutting plans to overhaul the Black Country Living Museum.

The jobs are among 70 that will be affected by the museum's plans to save £250,000 a year and close two days a week during winter.

It is now planned the guides will instead be employed as learning assistants. The roles will specifically

be involved with school parties and their work designed to fit in with the National Curriculum.

It came as irate workers prepared to stage a public meeting over the proposals for the museum.

Museum chiefs admitted there would be redundancies but said they wanted to reassure the public staff will still be on hand around the site, which attracts more than 290,000 visitors a year.

Director and chief executive Andrew Lovett revealed last month that savings needed to be made as visitor numbers this year are down 15 per cent on normal. He launched a consultation with staff over the move as the museum looks to save £250,000 a year.

It is hoped the new learning assistant roles will help attract more school parties. Spokeswoman Fiona Carding said reassigning some of

the guides had always been part of the proposals.

Mel Weatherley, the museum's head of learning, said: "We will be drawing upon the museum's team of first-rate costumed guides to create our costumed learning assistants, resettling many of the staff affected by redundancy into revised roles. The emphasis will be on investigation, interaction and role play within the learning experience."

Carl makes passionate plea on museum jobs

HISTORIAN Carl Chinn has made a passionate plea to the Black Country Living Museum bosses urging them to reconsider their controversial cost-cutting plans which have put up to 70 job at risk.

Cuts are vital says site chief

THE chief executive of the Black Country Living Museum said he understood the strong reaction to the cost-cutting plans but stressed they were vital for the future of the museum.

Andrew Lovett did not attend last week's public meeting but speaking beforehand he said he wanted the museum to fulfill its potential.

"I do realise that change is difficult. All I can do is explain why we are doing this and try to change hearts and minds."

"All we are trying to do is fulfill our potential and achieve what some of the best museums are doing throughout the country."

He said the museum wanted to improve its educational services for children to give them a better understanding of the story of the Black Country.

Under the plans, the costumed demonstrators would still be there to talk to visitors and tell stories.

Mr Lovett said there would be no compulsory redundancies in the department as enough people had taken voluntary redundancy or offered to reduce their hours. He said out of 56 demonstrators, five had taken voluntary redundancy and 25 had reduced hours.

He was among more than 150 staff, volunteers and museum supporters who packed into the Station Hotel in Dudley to air their views on the proposals last week.

Many are upset about planned changes which include halving the number of costumed guides to 40.

Professor Chinn said the costumed guides and the stories they told about working class life in the Black Country were an essential part of the museum.

"I am so passionate about history because of the stories I've grown up with. What do guides do? They tell stories."

Demonstrators

"I look around the room and I can see many guides, demonstrators and volunteers - you bring alive the Black Country Living Museum," he said.

"We have to give our kids hope. It's not just about the past. It's about telling them who they are and where they've come from."

"As a supporter, I say to the museum - stop, think, have a chat and listen. Let's see if we can find a middle way," he added.

Meeting chairman, John Homer, who has been a costumed guide for four and a half years, said the museum was "the jewel in the crown of the Black Country."

He added: "Everybody is very passionate about the museum and are worried some of the ethos of the museum and what makes it so special will be lost."

He urged people to write to the trustees, local councilors and MPs to express their views on the plans.



Front, from left, Professor Carl Chinn and John Homer, who was chairing the meeting, at the Station Hotel. Centre, from left Sam Badger and Jill Bailey. Back, from left Rebecca Wilton, Luke Perry, Phil Pitt and Keith Mellor

Attraction gets £210,000 boost

THE Black Country Living Museum has won two grants, totalling £210,000, for improvements at the site.

Some of the money will go towards updating the visitor facilities including the cafe and shop. The attraction has been awarded the cash from Arts Council England funding programmes.

A grant of £120,000 will be used to develop and update the museum's Rolfe Street

complex which forms the main reception area. Chief executive Andrew Lovett said: "We are going to use the money to improve our earning potential and make improvements to our cafe, shop, corporate space and admissions space."

A successful bid was also made to the Designation Development Fund for £90,000. The grant will fund a new collections management system.

Brewery plans at pub are approved

BEER-making will be back at a pub in the Black Country after plans were approved for a new brewery.

Fownes Brewing Company will produce eight casks of ale from outbuildings at the Jolly Crispin.

Plans for the new development at the pub in Clarence Street, Upper Gornal were approved by Dudley Council.

Officers at the council ruled the brewery would not have an adverse impact on neighbours.

Once production starts at the historic site it will be the first time beer has been brewed at the pub since the 19th century.

The company aims to have the brewery officially opened later this month, on October 18.

To mark it, a launch event will be held at the pub on the same evening, from 7pm. The celebration will see beer tastings on offer and food laid on by the pub.

Brothers Tom and James Fownes, who are launching the brewery, will also be on hand on the night itself to talk about each of the beers they are producing.

Courses will go on show

STOURBRIDGE College is opening for Year 11 pupils from local schools to give them and their parents a flavour of courses on offer.

Events will be on October 11 from 6 to 9pm and on October 12 from 10am to 2pm.

Art and design courses will be showcased at the new art and design centre in Brierley Hill, construction and the built environment courses at the Advanced Technology Centre, Waterfront Business Park, and A-levels, vocational, motor vehicle, music, dance, drama and sport at the Hagley Road Centre, Stourbridge. Visit www.stourbridge.ac.uk.

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Probation HQ scheme approved

PLANS for a two-storey headquarters for around 80 probation staff in Dudley have been approved.

The workers, based in Dudley, Stourbridge, Netherton and Halesowen, will move into the base at Castlegate Business Park.

The offices run by Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Trust in Stourbridge, Netherton and Halesowen will shut.

Offender management staff at Dudley Magistrates' Court will also relocate to the building.

A planning application was submitted to Dudley Council by developer Stoford, which has been contracted by the Ministry of Justice.

Planning permission has now been granted by the council and construction is expected to be completed by next September but the Ministry of Justice will not reveal the cost of the project.

Under the plans, interview rooms and group meeting rooms will be created on the ground floor.

On the first floor there will be open-plan office space and an archives section.

A car park with 34 spaces, two electrical vehicle charging points and cycle storage are included in the plan.

Opera sets off events

Opera singing kicks off events at Dudley Library to celebrate Black History Month.

Baritone opera singer Byron Jackson will perform and offer people the chance to put their vocal cords to the test during an opera workshop, on October 13.

The session will run from 1 to 2pm and is open to adults and children over the age of 11.

Steel pan music will be performed by Tropical Visions on October 20 from 2 to 3pm. A trio of poets including former Birmingham Poet Laureate Roy McFarlane will read on October 24 from 6 to 7.30pm. Books will also be on sale.

Flu jab offered

A medical practice in Dudley wants people to take up flu vaccinations.

Lower Gornal Medical Practice is inviting people over 65, those who have had chronic illness for more than six months and pregnant women to come forward. Call 01384 322432.

Murder accused had visited victim's home

A HOMELESS man knew the retired teacher he is accused of murdering at her home and had visited her days before her death, a court heard.

Betty Yates, aged 77, was found dead at her riverside property in Bewdley.

She was attacked from behind, beaten over the head with her walking stick and stabbed, Bristol Crown Court was told.

Stephen Farrow, 48, knew the area around her home "very well" and had fished in the River Severn there a number of times, Mr Michael Fitton QC told the court as the murder trial got under way.

Farrow admits visiting Mrs Yates at her

home on December 30 last year but denies being in the area around the time she died and denies her murder. She was found dead on January 4.

Farrow had sold some items to a jewellers in Kidderminster on December 30 and gave his address as the Stan Lewis guest house in Severnside South, Bewdley, the court was told. In the past he had travelled across the country often sleeping rough and kept his belongings in a rucksack.

Mr Fitton told the court a footprint on an exercise mat bought for Mrs Yates by her children for her birthday days earlier matched footwear belonging to Farrow.

The jury was shown photographs of the area surrounding Mrs Yates's cottage, off Dowles Road. Mr Fitton told the court the attack on Mrs Yates was brutal. He said her walking stick was found splintered at the scene. "We suggest there was an intention to kill. There is no evidence to suggest this was a burglary. There was no ransacking and nothing of value was removed."

Farrow is also accused of the murder of Rev John Suddards, who was found stabbed to death in his home in Thornbury, South Gloucestershire.

He admits the manslaughter of Rev Suddards but denies murdering the clergyman

between February 12 and 15 this year on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

Opening the case, Mr Fitton told the jury Farrow, of no fixed address, had admitted a separate charge of burgling Vine Cottage in Thornbury, South Gloucestershire, between December 21 last year and January 3 this year. The prosecutor told the jury: "There are two charges for you to decide upon."

The defendant denies killing her or any responsibility for her death at all. His case is that he was not at her house on the day she died. Our case is that he was there and that he killed her and that he intended to kill her." The trial continues.

Arcade bucks the trend of doom and gloom recession

IT may have been named as having the most empty shops for a town of its size, but independent traders in Dudley are bucking the trend of doom and gloom as the town's Fountain Arcade is full of operating stores.

Young traders have opened new businesses or expanded due to demand in recent weeks alongside the more established outlets in the shopping arcade.

Rent incentives, customers seeking specialist goods and community spirit are deemed among reasons for the success of the arcade, which opened in the 1920s.

But the past six years have seen some of the toughest times with footfall dropping in the wake of the loss of the nearby Stone Street car park.

When it first opened the Fountain Arcade would have had 34 single shop units, but now down to 16 all the shops have been let.

This comes just weeks after a report from the Local Data Company which claimed Dudley had the worst percentage of empty shops among all medium-sized towns in the country.

Traders say they have not been put off by the town's reputation and are thrilled to be open for business.

Sweet shop owner Suzanne Goodyear, aged 23, relocated her business from Stone Street into the arcade two months ago.

"There is a good atmosphere in here with the other traders and I find it is more

secure and better for shoppers," said Miss Goodyear, who opened The Sucke Shop inspired by her auntie Tina's search for diabetic sweets.

Entrepreneur Abigail Wakelam, aged 25, is expanding her knitting business Castle Crafts, into the neighbouring empty unit, buoyed by sales.

"People like the individuality of independent traders who have time for their customers rather than bigger stores with sales assistants who do not know what they are selling," she said.

Businessman Nigel Smart, aged 44, is putting the finishing touches to his Chain Store Clothing shop which opens in three weeks.

He said: "The customers in Dudley are brilliant and there are regulars who keep coming back."

Cafe owner Andreas Mylonas cut short his retirement in Cyprus and hopes to open up a specialist Greek food eatery. He said: "There is a good footfall brought on by all the shops."



Suzanne Goodyear outside her shop in the arcade



The Fountain Arcade, off High Street, is full of stores



Andreas Mylonas at the London Grill and Coffee House



Abigail Wakelam, far right, at Castle Crafts



Nigel Smart, who is opening a new clothes store

NEWS in brief

Discount offer on scheme for bins

RESIDENTS are being offered a discount if they sign up to Wyre Forest District Council's garden waste scheme in October.

People who join over the next month will be asked to pay £10 for the brown bin plus the service cost of £32.50 – a reduction of £10 on the normal cost.

Residents already signed up can get additional bins delivered for free and pay only the service cost.

People who join in October will receive at least two collections before the service stops for the winter. More details visit www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/gardenwaste.

Councillor stops smoking for cause

DUDLEY'S leading finance councillor is giving up smoking for charity.

Councillor Pete Lowe is taking part in the Government's public health Stop-tobacco campaign to quit smoking in October. He usually smokes 15 a day.

Councillor Lowe, who has smoked for 28 years, hopes to raise £100 for the Mayor's charities using what he saves through not buying cigarettes.

Dance event is to aid hospice

DANCERS are invited to a charity sequence and ballroom dancing event at Lutley Community Centre, Brookwillow Road, Halesowen, on Saturday, October 20 from 7.30pm to 11pm.

It will raise cash for the Halesowen branch of Mary Stevens Hospice.

Tickets, priced at £5, are available by calling 0121 5508631.

Site for leisure centre is chosen

A FORMER sports ground has been chosen as the proposed site for a new £10 million leisure centre in Kidderminster.

Wyre Forest District Council has agreed to buy the former Victoria Carpets sports ground in Spennells Way for the project. The plans include six courts and a 25-metre swimming pool.

Plans for shop

PLANS to convert a Coseley shop into a hot food takeaway have been lodged with council chiefs.

Kiernan Dandiker has submitted proposals for the unit in Birmingham New Road.

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NEWS

Legion starts new bid to get war memorial moved

A FRESH bid to move a Dudley war memorial to a permanent new home has been launched by a Royal British Legion branch chairman.

Ken Finch wants the monument in Woodsetton to be given a facelift and moved to a more prominent place. It stands inside the grounds of the former Mount Tabor Methodist Church, Sedgley Road. The church was sold to a factory in 1998 leaving the memorial, which commemorates soldiers killed in the First World War, looking out of place.

Councillor Finch, chairman of the Lower Gornal branch, said residents were keen to find a spot for the monument where it could be seen by the whole of the community.

The Dudley borough councillor now plans to begin fundraising to cover the cost of the work and is also attempting to contact the owners of the site to find out whether the memorial could be moved.

"It's a lovely memorial and it would be nice to move it to a place where it can be seen by more people and be involved in remembrance day events," said Councillor Finch.

"The Royal British Legion branch has said it will do all it can to help so I am going to try to contact the owners of the site to get permission for it to be moved."

He added: "I would also like to restore the memorial which isn't in a bad state but it could do with a tidy up." It is the second time residents have attempted to relocate the memorial. In 2003 a group of volunteers, began plans to move the monument.



Councillor Ken Finch and campaigner Irene Semark at the war memorial

Staff collect cancer cash

SUPERMARKET staff in Stourbridge raised almost £200 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

A coffee morning was held in the foyer of Sainsbury's in Amblescote recently and raised £192.41 in just two hours. Customer restaurant manager Chris Holloway said: "We are so grateful to our customers."

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Don't tar all churches the same

RE: Mrs Round's letter, September 27
Please do not tar all churches with the same brush" when you describe them as having "joined the rip-off brigade".

I doubt your letter will be read by the specific church in Birmingham or the people involved, as they are probably outside the area covered by the newspaper.

However, your adverse comments, directed at all churches, will have been read by a large number of Chronicle readers.

Many churches, up and down the country, use cafes, shops and tea rooms,

generally staffed by volunteers, as a means of keeping these historic buildings open to the public, irrespective of belief or religion.

How sad it would be and a loss to society in general, if these ancient and significant buildings were generally padlocked from one Sunday to the next, except for weddings and funerals.

As an example St John's Church, in the centre of Halesowen, is a Grade 1 Listed Building, founded in 1083 and should be appreciated from the inside as well as the outside.

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Hardly a "rip-off" and I doubt an extra tea bag would be an issue.

So please, give other churches a chance, as they need and rely on the support of the community to keep these buildings open for everyone, now and for future generations.

K RUDGE
Royal Oak Road
Halesowen

Town venue could be centre of attraction

I AM surprised at the Black Country museum, not surprised at Dudley council.

The Hippodrome theatre is part of the Black Country and a jewel in the crown. It has a lot of history of the many and some artists that are no longer with us.

It could be used for what it was originally built for and the museum and zoo to give presentations on. It can be used as a conference centre.

Dudley council want the space of the Hippodrome for a car park, the town is surrounded by empty car parks, because there is little to go to Dudley for.

The Hippodrome is in the right area to bring in tourists, go to the museum or zoo, take in a show after.

NORMAN D CADDICK
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There is no demand for the Hippodrome

WHAT are the people writing to the press in support of the Hippodrome on? Have they had a look at the state of this building?

Mr Osborne of Dudley was right, it is an eyesore and completely obscures the landscape of the zoo and the castle.

This building would cost millions to renovate and what most people don't realise is the stage on which all the "stars of the past" performed has long since gone.

People have got short memories, it wasn't too long ago the region nearly lost the Grand theatre, think about it, if a city like Wolverhampton only just kept its theatre what chance has the hippodrome of being a viable theatre again?

If it was so great why did it become a cinema, then bingo hall in the first place? It's called the law of supply and demand and there just isn't the demand in Dudley and people need to face up to it. In the current climate the council have bigger priorities and with the new college buildings and the plans for the Cavendish House site, things are starting to change in Dudley.

JOHN WRIGHT, Wrens Nest Road, Dudley

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NEWS

Mother claiming mobility benefits seen using gym

A MOTHER-of-three who received £4,000 in benefits after claiming she had severe mobility problems was seen regularly using a gym, a court heard.

Aaisha Arif was a member at the Crystal Leisure Centre, Stourbridge and had not mentioned any disability problems to staff, Dudley Magistrates Court heard.

The 42-year-old had also been captured on video surveillance equipment walking normally in Brierley Hill High Street and near her home.

Arif, of Kingsway, Wollaston, Stourbridge, pleaded guilty to two charges of failing to notify change of circumstances affecting entitlement to social security benefit.

One related to claims for Disability Living Allowance between January 26, 2011, and September 13 this year. The second charge regarding claims for Disability Living Allowance between January 20 last year and April 4 2012.

In total, £4,153 was claimed between January 26, 2011, and April 4 this year.

Chairman of the bench Mr Leonard Redden fined Arif £290 with a £15 victim surcharge and £85 costs. She has already agreed to pay back the benefits to the Department for Work and Pensions.

Miss Lynda Gudgeon, prosecuting, said Arif received Disability Living Allowance in June 2007 after claiming she was "severely restricted" in her movement. But when benefits officers checked last year they found she was a member at the Bell Street centre.

Mr Sundip Murria, defending, said: "This is a case where the initial application was a correct application as she did have mobility problems."

Craft stalls still available

ARTISTS and jewellers still have time to take up a stall at the Arts and Jewellery Fair at Netherton Arts Centre on October 13.

The event runs from 11am to 4pm and stalls cost £20 and are available by calling Claire Starmer-Jones on 01384 813943.

Scarecrows on show



Philip Worsley's Olympic Torch scarecrow



Zac and Freya Overthrow with their scarecrow

THOUSANDS of people enjoyed a multi-coloured showing of sporting prowess and royalty at the 15th annual Belbroughton Scarecrow Festival.

More than 100 scarecrows were made and presented by the villagers outside their homes for the weekend event.

The theme was 2012, and many scarecrows were of Olympic and Paralympic heroes and the Royal family.

Zac Overthrow, aged 9, and sister Freya, 5, won with a scarecrow of Zara Phillips on a horse.

The Belbroughton Primary School pupils made it with father Steve at their home.

Mother Louise said: "After five years of entering it's nice to win something." Philip and Carol Worsley, were second with a scarecrow of an Olympic torch with its head as the flame.

Mr Worsley, 64, ex-deputy head at Perryfields High School, Oldbury, said: "The great British Olympics year was our inspiration."

Organising committee publicity officer, Annette Adey said: "It was another great year, we had people come as far as Cardiff to see the displays."

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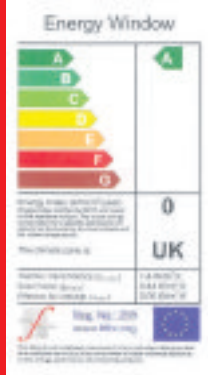
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NEWS

Flats at centre of kidnap probe will be reopened

Chalet-style council HQ



Council leader, Councillor John Campion, at the new £10 million HQ

WITH its wooden panelled walls it almost resembles an Alpine lodge – but this is the new £10 million home of Wyre Forest District Council.

The council headquarters is now open, with leaders saying it will bring a boost to regeneration plans for the area. Wooden panelling and towering glass entrances are the main features of the building.

Many of the 200 employees started moving into the building, in Finepoint Way, off the A451 between Kidderminster and Stourport, last week. They are all expected to be in within a fortnight.

Staff were originally due to begin work at the building at the start of September, but the move was delayed as vital computer links were not ready. The refuse and recycling,



The new district council building

environmental maintenance, parks and rangers teams will continue to operate from the council depot in Green Street, Kidderminster. But offices in Duke House and Coventry Street, Kidderminster, and Stourport Civic Centre will close. Council leader Councillor John Campion said the move would help save the authority £500,000.

A BLOCK of flats closed for months since it was at the centre of a probe into the alleged kidnap of a 10-year-old in Oldbury, is to reopen.

Black Country Housing Group are in talks to buy Lowrey Court, Bristnall Hall Road. Tenants of flats, where a child, allegedly kidnapped, was found by police, were moved out of their homes last November. The joint decision was taken by residents at Lowrey Court and the Adullam Homes Housing Association, which ran the block.

People were moved to other association properties, leaving the block empty.

Tenants feared attacks by people who thought the block was used as a halfway house for offenders, although this was denied by police.

Jay Rana, of the association said: "This purchase is under way and should be finalised in the next couple of months."

"Black Country Housing Group have consulted with the community and councillors to turn this property into a specialist community housing unit."

"They have shared with Adullam Homes that they intend to completely refurbish this unit to accommodate their local residents."

Steve Woods, Adullam Homes Housing Association director of business development said: "We are pleased the Black Country Housing Group have decided to work with us to turn this unfortunate incident into something that will benefit people."

Authors to show works

TWO Black Country poets will be giving an insight into their work at an event in Bewdley this month.

Heather Wastie and Brendan Hawthorne will give a talk at the Hop Pole Inn, Cleobury Road, on Sunday, October 21 at 7.30pm. The evening will include dinner.

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NEWS

Public to have a say over hospital parking charges

STAFF and residents are to be asked for their views on proposals to change the car parking charges at Kidderminster Hospital.

Proposals to replace pay and display machines at the site with a barrier and pay kiosk system have already been drawn up by Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust. Officials have now agreed the scheme will go to consultation before a final decision is made on the plans. If the scheme goes ahead, the trust aims to have the changes in place by January.

No final decision has yet been made on the level of charges. This will be discussed following the period of consultation.

At the moment car parking charges are the same at Kidderminster Hospital, Worcester-shire Royal Hospital and the Alexandra Hospital, in Redditch.

But patients have asked for a new system to be put in place with charges made on an hourly basis. Visitors presently have to pay £3 for a two-hour stay, £4.50 for up to four hours, £6 for six hours and £7.50 for six to 24 hours. The first 20 minutes is free.

But patients have said they want a new system where they have to pay a smaller amount for visits of more than 20 minutes but less than two hours.

They were discussed at a meeting of the trust's board. Trust spokesman Laura Wedekind said: "Car park charges are currently the same across all three hospital sites but patients have asked for a fairer system with charges made on an hourly basis."

Blankets prove defective

ALMOST a third of electric blankets checked at a safety testing session at Bewdley fire station were found to be defective.

People took along their blankets to an event organised by the fire service and Age UK Wyre Forest recently.

Community safety adviser Caroline Webster said: "We tested 55 blankets in total, and 17 of these failed the safety checks."

Music marathon for cash



Front, John Fowell, centre, seated, Jenny Morgan and top, from left, Steve Harper, Adelle Morgan, Sarah Houghton, Les Middleton, and Sue Towler

WEST End music filled the air in one corner of Sedgley as a 12-hour singathon took place to raise money for an operatic society.

Around 20 people were in fine tune when they took part in the mission in a music room at a home in Northway. From 11am to 11pm, the participants, of all ages, sang a

variety of songs non-stop with the help for four pianists. It is hoped the event has raised more than £1,000 for the Bilton Operatic Company.

The group needs money to put on a show at The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton in November.

The 30-strong group will put on a musical called Hello Dolly.

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NEWS

Road crossings could be used to kill off rat run

Little Dahl-ings raise cash



Pupils and staff from Dudley Wood Primary as Roald Dahl characters CHILDREN and teachers at a Dudley primary school dressed up as Roald Dahl book characters for charity.

More than 400 children and staff at Dudley Wood Primary School came into class as their favourite characters created by the famous author. From the BFG, to grandma

Jo from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and The Witches, the characters were all brought to life for the day. It rounded off a week when the children had been studying the author and his life.

The school also raised just over £400 for Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity.

CROSSINGS could finally be built on a rat run used by motorists avoiding a busy junction Dudley after years of complaints from residents.

Oakham Road, which stretches through Dudley and Tividale, became clogged with traffic when work to remove the Burnt Tree island started in 2009.

But since the new junction was opened last year drivers are still using the route and council bosses admit traffic has not reduced as much as they would have expected and are now investigating crossing plans.

Locals had called for pedestrian crossings to be built as they claimed their lives were being put at risk by motorists using the road as a rat run.

However, in February Dudley Council said the road "did not meet criteria" for new crossings to be built.

But at a meeting recently it was revealed the authority is now working on new proposals to improve safety on the route - and that work could start in March.

Ward councillor and deputy council leader Shaikat Ali told Central Dudley Area Committee it was hoped there would be at least two "safe crossing points".

This could mean a central refuge being built, or even a zebra crossing, he said.

He added: "We are looking at introducing some safe crossing points as it is quite difficult to cross on some parts of the road."

Though Councillor Ali said he believed the situation on Oakham Road had "improved slightly".

Food academy in pipeline

WORK on a £6 million food academy on the former site of the HP sauce factory in Birmingham can begin in less than six months, the boss of the Sandwell firm behind the scheme has said.

East End Foods chairman Tony Deep Wouhra wants to start construction in February but is waiting for the nod from the Department of Education.

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CLUB NEWS

Waitress tells tales of career

ALDRIDGE TOWNSWOMEN

DURING the summer break members enjoyed a trip to The Black Country Museum which was an enormous success.

The September meeting saw several new members who were warmly welcomed and many dates were written in dairies including Christmas dinner, a visit to the Cannock and Cinema Organ Club and the Federation tea.

The autumn programme kicked off with a talk on The Little Black Dress by Molly Murray, who told of how she started her career as a waitress in 1969 at the Swan, Yardley.

Her experiences saw her at many banquets and venues. One was at the NEC opening which was attended by the Queen and Birmingham councillors. At a Young Farmers' dinner, Lapworth Molly and her colleagues served soup, tripe with cheese and crusty cobs, while the farmers enjoyed strippers for their entertainment. She was allowed to take some tripe home for her father.

In the 70s Molly attended 32 weddings in one year. She also served at Silverstone and polo matches.

Aldridge Townswomen's Guild meet at Aldridge Community Centre on the fourth Monday of the month at 2pm. On October 22 John Llewellyn will talk of 'A Trip to Turkey' and all members old and new will be most welcome to come for a chat and a cuppa.

'Old bag in the attic' is speaker's subject



The Ruskin Glass Centre in Stourbridge is the venue for a forthcoming visit

SPEAKER for September's meeting was Ashley Adams and her topic 'The Old Bag in the Attic', a most thought provoking title.

To illustrate her talk Mrs Adams brought along a collection of Victorian and Edwardian luggage, all solid leather, ranging from a tiny case containing a folding iron, plus means of heating this, and an enormous case, large enough to transport much of "madam's" wardrobe.

Mrs Adams was thanked for an entertaining talk and for stepping in when the sched-

QUARRY BANK E TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

uled speaker was unable to attend. Information was given out on forthcoming activities. A visit has been arranged to the Ruskin Glass Centre on October 30, to include a cream tea. Christmas lunch will be at the Mill Hotel on December 4.

"Bees and Honey" will be the subject of the talk at the October meeting.

Dunkirk memories relived

CHAIRMAN Brenda White opened welcomed members and visitors, before dealing with business.

She then introduced the speaker Ethel Lote, whose talk was about Dunkirk.

A nurse in an emergency military hospital, she gave a firsthand account of her involvement in the Dunkirk landings. As a representative of the British War

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Nurses; she was invited to attend the 70th anniversary commemoration of Operation Dynamo - the evacuation of Dunkirk in 1940.

She travelled to Dover with her son and at the ferry saw a number of historic army vehicles, some of

which were used in the evacuation. A Spitfire and Hurricane gave a display around the ship before 50 of the original little ships, which took part in the evacuation, also sailed for Dunkirk.

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Pressure on 999 service

"SEVERE pressure" on the region's ambulance service has forced bosses to call off staff training and non-essential meetings in a bid to respond to a surge in 999 calls.

West Midlands Ambulance Service has announced it had entered stage four of a six-stage action plan, with one being normal and six being potential failure to the service. Bosses say they do not know why there has been a surge, but say most calls are for cases of serious illnesses. Last week, the service received 2,638 calls a day, up from 2,428 in the same period last year.

Having a say on plans

RESIDENTS in Stourbridge are being given the chance to have their say on multi-million regeneration plans that are set to transform the town centre.

Boosting tourism and visitors numbers to the town are key priorities for council bosses outlining the new project.

The action plan includes proposals for new shops, offices and homes along with improvements to transport routes for walkers and cyclists and better public spaces.

Making improvements around the town's notorious ring road are also seen as important to the future pros-

perity of the town. Dudley Council has published the final draft of the Stourbridge Area Action Plan and it will now go out for public consultation until November 12.

Among the ideas up for discussion are the creation of pathways for visitors to the River Stour and pedestrian crossing points on parts of Stourbridge Ring Road.

Wildlife

Green space is also proposed along the banks of the River Stour to encourage wildlife and promote walking and cycling.

Deputy council leader and regeneration chief, Councillor Shaikat Ali, said the transformation of older industrial areas of the town would be

the focus of the scheme. "The plans for the regeneration of Stourbridge town centre and the existing industrial areas on the northern edge of Stourbridge Ring Road will provide a welcome boost to the local economy and improve the environment for the benefit of all," he said.

"These are exciting proposals, which will improve shopping, living, working and socialising in Stourbridge as well as delivering new green spaces and environmental improvements alongside the River Stour."

Copies of the development plan can be found on Dudley Council's planning website, where people can comment.

£700,000 nursery brings 34 new posts to region

A £700,000 nursery is to open in Kidderminster creating 34 new jobs and offering 117 places for children in the town.

Work is already under way to convert the former Edward Parry Centre in Coventry Street.

The nursery will be run by the Co-operative Childcare and is a joint venture between the Midlands Co-operative and Camlock Properties Ltd. Bosses said the building was being completely remodelled inside to provide larger rooms and will include a fitted kitchen and bathroom.

There will also be large indoor learning and play areas alongside two gardens which will be equipped to help youngsters learn skills. The nursery will open in November. It will be available all year from 7.30am to

6.30pm. Co-operative Childcare is one of the largest specialist providers in the UK and the nursery will be its first in Worcestershire. Officials said the Edward Parry Centre had previously hosted a day nursery which had been run by Worcestershire County Council.

Group manager Mike Abbott said the co-operative had been expanding its network of nurseries over the past year.

"We are excited about our Kidderminster nursery as we wish to serve the community," he said. "We already have a strong presence here through our food stores, post offices, pharmacy, travel and funeral businesses. Our investment in this site demonstrates our commitment to meet the needs of families."

Battler Jack reaches a major milestone



Jack George Pinder playing with his mother Terri Gricic, and his older sister, Taylor Handley, at their home

A BRAVE young boy has battled back from the brink since suffering severe brain damage when he was knocked down in a road accident in Dudley.

Jack George Pinder, aged three, has started nursery as he continues his recovery after the crash in Stourbridge. He was airlifted to Birmingham Children's Hospital with serious head injuries after he was hit by a car towing a trailer on December 27. The boy had run into the road during a family gathering in Wollaston, colliding with the trailer pulled by the Toyota Avensis.

He suffered fractures to the roof of his mouth, skull fractures and was left with severe brain damage. Doctors feared the worst saying his brain was so damaged he may have lost many of his natural abilities including swallowing.

But Jack stunned medics and family to battle against the odds. He returned to his Wollaston home earlier this year and has now been able to join classmates at nursery.

His mother Terri Gricic kept a vigil at his bedside in the days after the accident as he was brought out of his induced coma. But it was several weeks before Jack awoke and opened his eyes.

The 33-year-old said she feared for her son's life when doctor told her the severity of his injuries.

"It was awful, but it has been a miracle and now he has reached another milestone," said Terri who also has a 12-year-old daughter Taylor. Jack started at The Bromley Special Nursery, in Bromley Lane, Kingswinford, last month. Terri is now focusing on helping to organise a fundraising event for Jack on October 22 at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club, in Swindon Road, Wall Heath, from 1pm.

Cash raised will go towards specialist equipment to support Jack. Visit www.justgiving.com/jackgeorgeappeal

Pupils' coffee time helps to raise funds

COFFEE cups and tasty treats were the order of the day when schoolchildren in Stourport raised money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Year 2 pupils at Burlish Park Primary School took part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

They invited family and friends to join them and had designed posters and made decorations for the event.

Teacher Kerry Bryan said: "The children worked really hard designing posters, writing invitations and making decorations in preparation for the event."

"The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and demonstrated excellent sales skills. The event links with the Year 2 topic 'Happy and Healthy' in which the children are learning all about Florence Nightingale and the work of nurses today. All at Burlish Park Primary are thrilled that the event was a huge success and are now able to donate £197 to the charity."

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Gallery campaigners vow to crank up their battle

CAMPAIGNERS branded cost-cutting plans to move Kidderminster Library's gallery and grand piano "civic vandalism" - and vowed to step up their fight.

Worcestershire County Council wants to create offices for around 130 workers at the library. It had proposed scrapping the gallery on the second floor to make way for the staff.

But when the move was first announced four months ago, arts and music groups in the town protested, prompting the council to put the plans on hold.

After a public consultation council chiefs revealed their preferred option for the site is to convert the existing gallery into offices, and create a smaller gallery with meeting rooms on the first floor instead.

The Steinway grand piano would be moved to the Corn Exchange next to the town hall.

Campaigners, the Friends of Kidderminster Library's Gallery, had collected a 600-name petition. Campaigner Heather Wastie said today: "We are gobsmacked. We have spent a long time getting a mandate together and being recognised as a group and the council came to our meeting and told us they were moving the gallery."

"It seems like a fait accompli and we think the consultation has been really badly done."

The council has said 65 per cent of people backed these plans during the consultation. But campaigners said only 83 people took part. The council will now apply for planning permission for the work.

Sophie heads for finals



Sophie Harris, 13, is in the regional final of the Open Mic UK contest

A SCHOOLGIRL has reached the regional finals of a national singing competition.

Sophie Harris, aged 13, from Pensnett, was picked out of 200 under 16s to make the Open Mic UK 2012 Regional Final in Birmingham.

The Kingswinford School pupil got through the competition's first audition with her own song called News

Flash. She will now face 20 other youngsters at the regional final in a bid to make it to the national final at the O2 arena early next year.

Meanwhile, Sophie has been wasting no time chasing other avenues toward her dream of stardom by applying for Britain's Got Talent and appearing on YouTube.

Crisis team wins award

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£1m sale and another new look as jewellers celebrate 165th birthday

IT is Wolverhampton's oldest jewellers, with generations of the same family serving customers since 1847.

And now it is to have a £100,000 transformation in celebration of its 165th anniversary. TA Henn bosses want to modernise the look of the Princess Street site.

The project began with a £1 million sale that started on Saturday to help raise funds for the refurbishment.

Managing director John Henn said the sale – only the second one that has been held in the company's history – will run until this Sunday, at which point the first phase of the revamp project will begin.

"We are going to start by creating a new-look window display with a completely new style," said Mr Henn, aged 51, who lives near Cosford. "The second part will be done early next year. While the

by Charlotte Cross

store is fairly modern already, we want to move with the times and give customers a more modern experience when they come into the store."

The first phase will be complete in time for the start of November, he added.

There will be 40 per cent off selected jewellery and 20 per cent off some Swiss brands of watches.

"We don't do sales very often so it has to be something worthwhile and we thought £1m would be a good figure," added Mr Henn, who is the sixth generation of his family to run the store.

"The money brought in from the sale will go towards the refurb."

The store held its first sale in 2007, again to fund a revamp.

One item not in the sale will be a 135-year-old engraved silver tankard that was recently returned to the store by its former owner who lives in Spain. Mr Henn has

said he will never sell the antique pint pot, which was originally presented to John Wesley Henn in 1872 by his brother Silas, who was the great-grandfather of the current owner. But the tankard can still be viewed at the city centre shop.

"We're always happy to have old bits of memorabilia or anything from our past," he said. "We are trying to piece together the shop's past so it all comes in handy."

"Because the store expanded from number 40, to numbers 40 and 41, and eventually to numbers 38 to 41, it can be a bit difficult."

The jewellers was founded by Thomas Austin in the 1800s.

Mr Henn said they dated the business back to 1847 as they have uncovered an old apprenticeship letter from the year – but said they suspect it may be even older than its official age.

Thomas Austin's father, Silas Henn, was a Tipton-based clock-maker. And it was his son, Thomas

Wesley Henn, who eventually took on the business after leaving his position in the army as a radio operator during the First World War.

Buying up two adjoining shops in 1935, Thomas Wesley rebuilt the premises and doubled its size. By the 1950s, Alan Wesley Henn had joined the growing family business and within a decade they owned eight stores.

However, the recession in the 1980s put a halt to the family's progress and so the company was forced to return to the original branch in Princess Street.

John Henn, the latest in the family line to take on the job, has followed in his grandfather in his personal life as well.

In the 1930s, Thomas Wesley Henn climbed Mont Blanc using only basic equipment. Eighty years later, in May last year, John Henn climbed the same mountain for charity.

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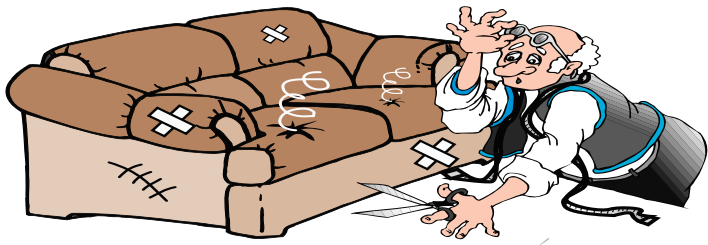
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THE WAY I SEE IT

Conference is to carry the message Britain can deliver

I AM looking forward to Conservative Party Conference in nearby Birmingham on the theme of "Britain Can Deliver".

I think it's quite right that my party has made a long-term commitment to Birmingham but do wonder why Labour won't hold their conference in the West Midlands, especially when major party conferences give a welcome boost to the local and regional economy whilst, at the same time, boosting the profile of the region as well.

These are tough times for our country, but as Conservatives in government we are rolling up our sleeves and getting on with the job.

We are balancing the books, cutting taxes for working people and making sure that work always pays. We are putting government on the side of people who work hard and want to get on in life. We believe Britain can deliver – and that's why we've made it our theme for conference this year.

You can follow all the news and announcements on the official conference website, www.cpc12.org.uk, or follow the conversation on Twitter using #cpc12

Having recently joined the new All-Party Parliamentary Group for a European Union Referendum and joined one hundred Conservative MPs in writing to the Prime Minister calling for a

Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views



commitment to an EU referendum, I am particularly looking forward to David Cameron's speech to the conference on Wednesday and will be listening carefully for any announcements in this regard.

I am looking forward to my constituency visits and campaigning sessions following the Birmingham conference (more in my next column).

Pudding

I'm particularly looking forward to the wine and pudding evening at Kingswinford Conservative Club on Thursday 11 October. Tickets (£6, to include first glass of wine) are still available – for more details see www.dudleyconservatives.com/events or www.fb.com/groups/6454716291/events

Last week we heard the wonderful news that the West Bromwich Building Society is moving to the Waterfront near to the Merry Hill shopping centre.

The society has signed an agreement to move from West Bromwich to the former Egg building at Point North at the Waterfront.

This is fantastic news for the local economy here in the borough and I welcome the society to Brierley Hill with open arms.

Back in January during the early stages of negotiations I spoke to Jonathan Westhoff, Chief Executive of WBBS, to directors of Richards Capital LLP and to the Chief Executive of Dudley MBC to offer any help and assistance I could to make sure that this deal happened.

I'm therefore delighted a deal has now been agreed, although it will obviously take some time for the relocation to be completed and for WBBS to be fully up-and-running at the Waterfront.

I would like to thank the local authority for playing their part; Richards for bringing a major new employer into Dudley South and, finally, the board and

the Chief Executive of West Bromwich Building Society for giving the green light to moving the short distance to Brierley Hill.

I remain committed to helping all employers who are interested in moving into or expanding their operations in Dudley South in terms of their dealings with the relevant authorities, including Dudley Council, and would encourage them to contact me, in confidence if necessary, using the contact details below.

This recovery, both nationally and locally, can only be private sector led and WBBS' decision is therefore especially welcome.

Expect

As a major centre for enterprise and manufacturing, I hope and expect further such announcements locally in coming years as our economy picks up once again following the years of deficit and debt under Labour.

We need more and more sustainable jobs in Dudley South and this is what we are now seeing. Dudley is open for business, as is Dudley South.

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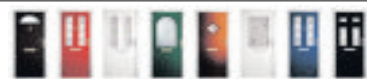
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REVIEWS

A classic close to perfection

Swan Lake, Birmingham Hippodrome
A CLOSE to perfect production by Birmingham Royal Ballet of the best known of all ballet works was an absolute treat.

There was no tinkering with the classic ingredients, this was Peter Wright's 1981 choreography derived from late 19th century work of Ivanov and Petipa.

Costumes

The sumptuous Eastern European costumes matched the lush romanticism of Tchaikovsky's music, played with vigour by the Royal Ballet Sinfonia.

On Saturday Yorkshire ballerina Natasha

Oughtred, almost as expressive with her eyes as her feet, danced the dual role of Odette/Odile, and the powerful Matthew Lawrence was her prince. Their energy was thrilling. Their control awesome.

The famous scene which begins act IV, in which 'swans' rise from the misty lake, drew an appreciative gasp from the audience.

Let other productions break barriers - keep this production preserved like a listed monument for future generations.

It bodes well for a magical Cinderella from the company at the Hippodrome from November 21.

Leon Burakowski

Superstar a revelation

Jesus Christ Superstar, NIA, Birmingham

MORE than 40 years since it was created by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, the showbiz lord can be satisfied that his rock opera Jesus Christ Superstar finally got the spectacular arena treatment in the UK he first envisaged when aged in his 20s.

In his programme notes, Lloyd Webber said he was always as much into Led Zeppelin as Rodgers and Hammerstein and it showed in this loud, brash and passionate production.

The story of Christ's betrayal, trial and crucifixion was updated to the 21st century, with Jesus and his disciples amid anti-capitalist protesters and rioters.

Former Radio 1 DJ Chris Moyles had a five minute cameo in a red crushed-velvet suit but nearly stole the show as King Herod, the TV quiz host of 'Lord or Fraud'. His ragtime number included one of Rice's best lines - "prove to me that you're no fool, walk across my swimming pool."



Ben Forster and former Spice Girl Melanie C in Jesus Christ Superstar

Melanie C played a tattooed Mary Magdalene and made I Don't Know How To Love Him her own. Alex Hanson added gravitas as Pontius Pilate, a slick lawyer who runs out of patience with Jesus and the squabbling Jews.

In the first act TV talent show winner Ben Forster, as Jesus, was overshadowed by Tim Minchin's mercurial, thrilling portrayal of Judas. The Australian singer-songwriter is known as a comedian and co-creator of

West End hit Matilda but he brought rock star glamour and utter conviction to the role of Judas. The dreadlocked apostle rails against God for using him and his friend Jesus as pawns in his plan before a chilling realistic suicide by hanging.

It made Forster raise his game. Something clicked in the garden of Gethsemane and his voice and charisma burst through like a dam breaking.

Powerful

When a crown of thorns was thrust upon his head and his bloody body raised aloft on a lighting rig crucifix, as he screamed with anguish, it was one of the most powerful scenes I have seen on stage. It left the audience stunned, until thunderous applause and people rose from their seats in a standing ovation.

I had previously thought of Jesus Christ Superstar as a dated oddity from the hippy era. So this impressive production was nothing short of a revelation.

Leon Burakowski

Lots of laughs on a night out with Bouncers

Bouncers, Wolverhampton Grand
THERE were plenty of laugh out loud moments with Bouncers at the Grand Theatre.

This riot of a show injects a good mix of humour, energy and satire. The clubbing scene of any city is told from three perspectives - the bouncers, girls celebrating a 21st birthday and a group of young men on a lads' night out.

There were outstanding performances from Ace Bhatti, Don Gilet, William Ilkley and Ian Reddington who effortlessly played all the characters. Their transformation into female characters at the hairdressers, later dancing round their handbags in the club, brought the house down.

Les Jowett

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FITNESS classes are being held in four Dudley borough parks.

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Flashy dancing at Town Hall venue

STOURBRIDGE Amateur Operatic Society is staging its version of hit film Flashdance on October 15.

The show set in Pittsburgh, tells the story of a young welder called Alex who dreams of winning a place at a top dance academy.

It will be staged at Stourbridge Town Hall starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced between £12.50 and £16.50.

To book tickets call Lorraine Lovett 07504 301767.

Charity night

A CHARITY night will raise money for Leukaemia Care UK on Saturday at Dudley Sports and Social Club.

The night starts at 7pm and includes a raffle. For tickets call Mr McCarthy on 07960985014.

Ayckbourn's chilling ghost story will haunt the Grand

A PLAY that theatre-goers have described as the most chilling ghost story on stage since *The Woman in Black* is coming to Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre next week.

Haunting Julia, by Sir Alan Ayckbourn, tells of the strange happenings that occur 12 years after the death of teenager Julia, a musical prodigy who died from an overdose.

Her grieving father, who has created a shrine to his dead daughter, brings in Julia's former boyfriend and a psychic to investigate.

Supernatural

Popular playwright Ayckbourn is best known for his comedies but this tense supernatural thriller, where any laughter tends to be of the nervous kind, has become increasingly popular due to recent revivals.

The four-hander play features TV actor Duncan Preston, of *Dinnerladies* and *Emmerdale*, as the father. Stage and TV veteran Richard O'Callaghan, who had the lead role in two *Carry On* films, plays the psychic. The boyfriend is played by Joe McFadden, a familiar TV face from *Heartbeat* (as PC Joe Mason) and *Cranford* (as Dr Marshland).

Haunting Julia is staged at the Grand from Monday to Saturday, October 15-20.



The cast of Dolly Parton's 9 To 5 The Musical, from left, Amy Lennox, Jackie Clune, Ben Richards, Natalie Casey and Bonnie Langford

Star cast sign up for 9 To 5 job

A STAR-STUDED cast has been announced for Dolly Parton's 9 To 5: The Musical, this year's big Christmas time show at the New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham.

Playing Doralee, the role that made Dolly a movie star in the original 1980 film version, will be Amy Lennox. She has been playing Elle Woods in the West End production of *Legally Blonde* and local theatre-goers may remember her in the lead role of Birmingham Rep's *The Secret Garden*.

In the story about female office workers who get revenge on a sexist male boss, the boss will be played by West End leading man and former *The Bill* actor Ben Richards. Also appearing will be Bonnie Langford, who earlier this year starred in *Spamalot* at the Alex; Two Pints of Lager... actress Natalie Casey; also actress and comic Jackie Clune.

The show is staged from December 17 to January 5.

Time for nostalgia with a knees-up

DUDLEY Town Hall will be having a knees-up with the Good Old Days of Music Hall and Variety.

The show is part of the popular monthly matinees which focus on musicals, nostalgia and old time music hall.

The show on October 16 is headlined by TV comic, panto favourite and Crackerjack presenter Stu Francis alongside singers, comedians, speciality acts and a live band performing old favourites and lots of opportunity to sing-a-long. Tickets for the 2pm show cost £11.

Tribute to Jacko promises a thriller

MICHAEL Jackson fans are promised a thriller of a night with a tribute event dedicated to the late superstar.

And visitors got a sneak peek at Ben Bowman's show as he visited Dudley ahead of his performance in the town.

He will be bringing his show, called Ben: Michael Jackson Tribute Concert, to Dudley Town Hall on October 25.

Opera classes

Opera singing kicks off events at Dudley Library to celebrate Black History Month this Saturday.

Baritone opera singer Byron Jackson will perform live and offer people the chance to sing during an opera workshop, from 1-2pm. The event is open to adults and children over 11.

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What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 13.10.12

CHOICE



Paddy McGuinness

Take Me Out
ITV1, 7.05pm

Paddy McGuinness must have the best job in telly – he spends his time surrounded by beautiful women. However, there's just one downside to his job – all the ladies are off limits and reserved for the men he has lined up for them. Oh, and the fact that he's married probably wouldn't take him very far either. Mr McGuinness returns tonight with yet more ever-hopeful men, aiming to win the heart of one of the 30 women, and whisk them off on a date. Thrown into the mix this week are a pair of Cambridge twins hoping to nab a double date, a yoga instructor and a farmer.

BBC1

7.30 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Nigellissima. (R) 12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Formula 1: Korean Grand Prix Qualifying Replay. 2.30 Bargain Hunt. 3.25 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.10 Walk on the Wild Side – Best in Show. 4.40 A Question of Sport. 5.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.30 All New Total Wipeout: Champion of Champions.

6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. The battle to win the glitterball trophy really begins as the pro-celebrity couples step onto the dancefloor for the second time, knowing one pair will be going home tomorrow. The results show can be seen tomorrow.

8.25 Merlin. Part two of two. Merlin and Arthur close in on the icy fortress of Ismere, unsure of the powerful secrets Morgana and the druid Ruanan are searching for among its catacombs.

9.10 Casually. Zoe makes a big mistake while treating a teenage girl rushed in following a car accident. Big Mac returns after his heart attack, despite protests from Noel and Louise.

10.00 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws.

10.10 BBC News; Weather. 10.30 Good Cop. Sav targets a couple of muggers. Last in the series; National Lottery Update.

11.30 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's matches in League One and League Two.

12.05 Film: Highlander: Endgame. (2000) 1.40 Weatherview. 1.45 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.10 The Sky at Night. (R) 12.30 Animal Park. (R) 1.30 Film: Sydney White. (2007) 3.10 Film: Bicentennial Man. (1999) 5.15 Coast. (R) 5.45 Wartime Farm. (R)

6.45 Flog It! Paul Martin visits Cardiff Castle, where he admires the medieval interior fittings, while James Lewis and Philip Serrell join in the search for bargains to be sold at auction. (R)

7.15 Servants: The True Story of Life Below Stairs. Pamela Cox explores how the idea of a "servant class" in Britain came to an end in the 20th century, as the two world wars transformed women's lives. Last in the series. (R)

8.15 Dad's Army. Mainwaring camps the platoon in the middle of a firing range, forcing Corporal Jones to make a desperate effort to raise the alarm. Starring Arthur Lowe and Clive Dunn. (R)

8.45 Qi XL. Sandi Toksvig, Bill Bailey, Susan Calman and Alan Davies join Stephen Fry, answering questions on places that start with J.

9.30 The Thick of It. The unravelling of the key-worker housing policy forces Nicola Murray and Peter Mannion onto the defensive.

10.00 Film: Gosford Park. (2001) A shooting party at a country estate ends in murder, all under the watchful eye of the servants. Robert Altman's period drama, with Maggie Smith, Kelly Macdonald and Helen Mirren.

12.15 How the Brits Rocked America: Go West. 1.10 Film: The Final Countdown. (1980) 2.50 Close. 5.30 Live MotoGP.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 11.20 Dinner Date: Australia. 12.20 ITV News; Weather. 12.30 All Star Family Fortunes. (R) 1.15 Film: Jurassic Park III. (2001) 3.00 Film: Star Wars: Episode II – Attack of the Clones. (2002) 5.35 Regional Programme; Weather. 5.50 ITV News; Weather.

6.05 New You've Been Framed! Comedian Harry Hill narrates a fresh selection of comical clips filmed by viewers on their camcorders, mobile phones and webcams.

6.35 Fool Britannia. Hidden-camera show in which Dom Joly unleashes a host of pranks and oddball characters on unsuspecting members of the public across the nation.

7.05 Take Me Out. A pair of Cambridge twins hoping to win a double date are among the eligible bachelors trying to impress 30 single women. Hosted by Paddy McGuinness.

8.20 The X Factor. The remaining contestants take to the stage in the second live studio round, competing to gain positive comments from the judges and win viewers' votes.

10.35 The Jonathan Ross Show. With David Walliams and Ed Sheeran.

11.35 ITV News; Weather. 11.50 Film: Gone. (2007) Premiere. Thriller, starring Shaun Evans.

1.25 The Store; ITV News Headlines. 3.15 Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) 4.00 Film: Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 FIA GT1 Championship. 7.05 British GT. 7.35 FIM Superbike World Championship 2012. (R) 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 T4: Real Stories: Nicki Minaj. 10.00 T4: The Crush. 10.35 T4: Revenge. 11.35 T4: Suburgatory. 12.05 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.40 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.10 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.45 Channel 4 Racing. 3.55 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. 4.25 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. 4.55 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. 5.25 Come Dine with Me: Ireland. 5.55 Come Dine with Me: Ireland.

6.25 Channel 4 News. 6.55 **4thought.liv.** A former Christian talks about becoming an atheist.

7.00 Comedy World Cup. Alan Carr, Sara Pascoe and Clive Anderson take on Johnny Vegas, Josh Widdicombe and Mick Miller in the first semi-final. David Tennant asks the questions.

8.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Two stars of London 2012 – equestrian team eventing silver medalist Zara Phillips and boxing champion Anthony Joshua – try to win as much money as possible for charity.

9.35 Film: Knowing. (2009) An astrophysicist decodes a page of numbers revealing the dates of a series of disasters and tries to prevent them happening. Mystery thriller, starring Nicolas Cage and Rose Byrne.

11.55 Film: Mona Lisa Smile. (2003) Drama, starring Julia Roberts, Kirsten Dunst, Julia Stiles and Maggie Gyllenhaal.

2.05 Hollyoaks. 4.15 Countdown. (R) 5.10 Baking Mad with Eric Lahti. (R) 5.25 Make Do & Mend. (R) 5.50 The Hoobs. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers Samurai. 10.35 Batman: The Brave and the Bold. 11.10 Film: Battle of Britain. (1969) Second World War drama, starring Laurence Olivier. 1.45 Film: The Battle of the V1. (1958) Second World War adventure, with Michael Rennie. 3.55 Film: Anzio. (1968) Second World War drama, starring Robert Mitchum.

6.10 5 News Weekend. 6.15 **Film: Charlie's Angels.** (2000) Three private investigators are hired to rescue a computer genius and recover his dangerous latest creation. Action adventure, starring Drew Barrymore, Lucy Liu and Cameron Diaz.

8.10 NCIS. A petty officer is killed in what at first seems to be a road-rage incident – until the team discovers he belonged to an underground fight club. Crime drama, starring Mark Harmon. (R)

9.00 CSI: Miami. Horatio and the team investigate the death of a skydiver who was also a sperm donor, but the case becomes complicated when a DNA sample leaves them with more than 100 suspects.

10.00 Live International Boxing. James DeGale v Hadiliah Mohomoudi. Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the European Super Middleweight title bout, held at Glow in Bluewater, Kent.

12.05 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Divine Designs. (R) 4.50 Rough Guide to Eco Escapes. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three 7.00 Pop: Greatest Dance Craze 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Live at the Apollo 9.45 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 10.30 Film: Meet the Fockers (2004)

BBC Four 7.00 Human Planet 8.00 Horizon: What Happened Before the Big Bang? 9.00 Inspector Montalbano 10.50 The Story of Light Entertainment

ITV2 3.10 The X Factor USA 6.00 Film: Peter Pan (2003) 8.15 Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) 10.35 The Xtra Factor 11.35 Take Me Out – The Gossip

ITV3 3.40 Agatha Christie's Poirot 5.55 Murder, She Wrote 6.50 Foyle's War 9.00 Midsomer Murders 11.00 Crime Connections

ITV4 2.30 Film: Nevada Smith (1966) 5.10 Film: The Cimarron Kid (1952) 7.00 The Sweeney 9.00 River Monsters 9.00 Film: The Jerk (1979) 11.00 Film: Blazing Saddles (1974)

E4 3.00 Revenge 4.00 How I Met Your Mother 5.00 The Big Bang Theory 6.00 Sagage 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.30 Rules of Engagement 8.30 Suburgatory 9.00 David Blaine: What Is Magic? 10.00 Film: Friday the 13th (2009)

Film4 1.00 Titanic (1997) 4.50 Five Children and It (2004) 6.40 Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief (2010) 9.00 Dogma (1999) A lapsed Catholic must stop two fallen angels returning to Heaven or it will mean the end of the world. Comedy fantasy, with Matt Damon, Ben Affleck and Linda Fiorentino. 11.25 Saw IV (2007)

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What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 14.10.12

CHOICE



Fiona Bruce

Antiques Roadshow

BBC1, 8.30pm
Britain loves a good antique. You only have to take into consideration the longevity and popularity of this BBC stalwart show, itself something of a much-treasured oldie, to see that that much is true. This week, Fiona and the team wind up in Cheltenham Town Hall where they meet more hopefuls looking to learn the worth of their collectibles. As always, we get a glimpse of the weird and the wonderful, including a curious table from the famous local racecourse, and possibly the most important single historic document ever seen on the show.

BBC1

6.00 Live Formula 1: Korean Grand Prix. **9.15** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.15** Sunday Morning Live. **11.15** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.35** Bargain Hunt. **1.35** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **2.05** Formula 1: Korean Grand Prix. **4.05** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.05** Points of View. **5.20** Songs of Praise. **5.55** Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day. (R) **6.25** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **6.50** Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. The first couple are eliminated, and Scissor Sisters perform. **7.30** Countryfile. Matt Baker and Julia Bradbury investigate wildlife film-making in Hampshire, including Eric Ashby's pioneering work in recording the activities of badgers, foxes and deer. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. **8.30** Antiques Roadshow. Items in Port Sunlight include a matchstick model of Buckingham Palace. **9.30** Andrew Marr's History of the World. The Middle Ages, exploring how the Vikings laid the foundations of powerful new trading states, while Muslim scholars built upon the knowledge of ancient civilisations. **10.30** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **10.55** Film: Good Will Hunting. (1997) Drama, starring Matt Damon, Robin Williams and Minnie Driver. **12.55** Weather. **1.00** Sign Zone: Cash Britain. (R) **1.30** Andrew Marr's History of the World. (R) **2.30** Holby City. (R) **3.30** The Paradise. (R) **4.30** BBC News.

BBC2

7.00 CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **12.30** MotoGP. (R) **2.00** Film: Nicholas and Alexandra. (1971) **5.00** Flog It! (R) **6.00** Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. The adventurer travels around the coast of the Indian Ocean, setting out in South Africa – where he dives with sharks – and moving on to Mozambique and Zanzibar. (R) **7.00** Fawcett Towers. In the first episode of the comedy, Basil tries to upgrade his clientele. (R) **7.30** Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May test the KTM X-Bow, the Morgan Three Wheeler and the Caterham R500 at Donington Park racing circuit. With Blur bassist Alex James. (R) **8.30** Built in Britain. Part two of two. Evan Davis visits engineering success stories like the Olympic Park and Britain's first high-speed train line to see what it takes to deliver great infrastructure. **9.30** Dragons' Den. Ideas include doggy ice-cream and a new concept in camping. **10.30** Mock the Week. With Katherine Ryan, Milton Jones and Josh Widdicombe. Last in the series. (R) **11.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. With Jack Whitehall, Mena Suvari and Danny Jones. (R) **11.30** Film: Howl. (2010) Premiere. Fact-based drama, starring James Franco. **12.50** Film: The Odd Angry Shot. (1979) Vietnam War drama, starring John Hargreaves. **2.20** BBC News. **4.30** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** House Gift. (R) **10.25** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **11.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.45** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.45** The X Factor. (R) **3.55** The Home of Fabulous Cakes. **5.00** Downton Abbey. (R) **6.00** Cornwall with Caroline Quentin. Pirate Day celebrations take place on St Michael's Mount. (R) **6.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.45** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Coronation Street. Tracy's announcement rocks Michelle and Steve, who cannot believe she would stoop so low to get back at them. **8.00** The X Factor Results. Dermot O'Leary announces the outcome of the viewers' phone-in and the two least popular acts have to sing for survival. Plus, performances by Taylor Swift and Rebecca Ferguson. **9.00** Downton Abbey. An exciting offer for Edith divides opinion, a new maid attracts Alfred's attention and Matthew's worries about the estate grow – but his protests could be falling on deaf ears. **10.05** ITV News; Weather. **10.20** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Ronan Keating. An interview with the pop star. (R) **11.20** Strictly Kosh. Part one of two. Follow-up documentary about Manchester's Jewish community. (R) **12.20** The Store; ITV News Headlines. **2.20** Golden Balls. (R) **3.10** Motorsport UK. **4.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** International Volleyball. (R) **7.35** Stockton River Rat Race. **8.00** Channel 4 Presents – Lee. (R) **8.05** Will & Grace. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **11.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.20** The Simpsons. (R) **1.50** The Simpsons. (R) **2.20** Film: Just My Luck. (2006) **4.20** Deal or No Deal. **5.20** Channel 4 News. **5.50** 4thought.v. **5.55** Film: The Golden Compass. (2007) **8.00** Kevin McCloud's Man Made Home. The Grand Designs host introduces a touch of luxury to his handmade cabin, finding a unique solution for a hot tub and fashioning a robe out of alpaca wool. Last in the series. **9.00** Homeland. Against the advice of her family, Carrie becomes involved in an operation that could rid the world of Abu Nazir once and for all, while Brody's handler presses him into service. **10.00** Friday Night Dinner. Grandma introduces the family to her new boyfriend, but the old crumbudgen quickly upsets them with his rude behaviour. **10.30** Film: Snakes on a Plane. (2006) An FBI agent escorting a witness against a crime boss faces danger when 450 poisonous snakes are released during the flight. Thriller, with Samuel L. Jackson and Jonathan Phillips. **12.35** Irish Dancing Triplets. **1.00** American Football Live. **4.45** The Grudge Match. (R) **4.55** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.50** Quick Bakes with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fill and the Flowers. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Play! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. **8.40** Little Lodgers. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jam. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.20** Monkey Life. (R) **11.50** Dallas. (R) **12.45** Film: Yours, Mine & Ours. (2005) **2.30** Film: The Next Karate Kid. (1994) **4.35** Film: A Bug's Life. (1998) **6.30** 5 News Weekend. **6.35** Film: Godzilla. (1998) A giant mutant lizard spawned from an atomic test rampages through the streets of New York. Hollywood remake of the Japanese monster adventure, with Matthew Broderick and Jean Reno. **9.00** Film: Rocky Balboa. (2006) Premiere. Boxing drama, starring Sylvester Stallone. **11.15** Film: Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story. (1993) Biopic of the kung fu movie star, starring Jason Scott Lee. **1.30** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide To. (R) **5.00** Hoobs & Helipiles. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Formula 1: Korean Grand Prix Highlights. **8.00** Gavin & Stacey. **9.00** Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents. **10.00** American Dad! **10.45** Family Guy. **11.30** Cuckoo
BBC Four
7.00 Film: Fiddler on the Roof (1971) **9.50** Timeshift: Kiezmer **10.50** An Evening with Andy Williams: Part 1 **11.40** An Evening with Andy Williams: Part 2
ITV2
2.55 Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **4.45** Take Me Out **5.55** Take Me Out – The Gossip **6.40** Film: Back to the Future Part III (1990) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Girlfr!3nds **11.50** Celebrity Juice
ITV3
3.10 Film: Agatha Christie's A Caribbean Mystery (1983) **5.05** Film: The Railway Children (1970) **7.20** The Classic Brit Awards 2012 **8.55** An Audience with Victoria Wood **10.00** Lewis
ITV4
3.25 Film: Support Your Local Sheriff (1968) **5.20** Film: Nevada Smith (1966) **8.00** Film: The Magnificent Seven Ride! (1972) **10.00** Film: Midnight Run (1988) Comedy thriller, starring Robert De Niro and Charles Grodin.
E4
3.10 Ugly Betty **4.05** New Girl **4.35** Suburgatory **5.05** Revenge **6.05** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: Juniper (2008) **9.00** David Brown: Something Wicked This Way Comes **11.30** David Blaine: What Is Magic? **Film4**
3.05 Jungle Book (1942) **5.10** Angus, Thongs and Perfect Snogging (2008) **7.05** Nine Months (1995) **9.00** The Ugly Truth (2009) **10.50** Notorious (2009)

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Film Choices

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Collateral Damage, Channel 5, 9pm

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TUESDAY

The Gingerbread Man, BBC1, 11.40pm

A lawyer is shocked to learn of his girlfriend's traumatic upbringing and launches a personal crusade to see her violent, abusive father brought to justice. He succeeds in having him committed to an asylum – little suspecting he is setting the scene for a deadly confrontation. Robert Altman's legal thriller based on John Grisham's novel, starring Kenneth Branagh, Embeth Davidtz, Robert Downey Jr, Robert Duvall, Famke Janssen and Daryl Hannah. (1998)



Pale Rider, Thursday, Channel 5, 9pm

WEDNESDAY

It's a Wonderful Afterlife, BBC1, 11.15pm

An Indian mother is determined to see her daughter married, and turns to murder to accomplish her goals. She finds herself haunted by the spirits of her victims, who can only rest in peace when she dies, while her daughter falls for the policeman investigating the string of suspicious deaths. Supernatural comedy, with Shabana Azmi and Goldy Notay. (2010)

THURSDAY

Pale Rider, Channel 5, 9pm

An unscrupulous landowner threatens to throw gold-miners off their land and take the riches for himself. As the law turns a blind eye to their troubles, the miners desperately need a saviour – who happens to arrive in the form of a mysterious preacher with formidable gunfighting skills. Western, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood, alongside Michael Moriarty. (1985)

FRIDAY

Rocky Balboa, Channel 5, 10pm

The ageing fighter contemplates a return to the ring when a computer simulation reveals he would have defeated the current world heavyweight champion Mason "The Line" Dixon, who responds by challenging Rocky to face him for real. Boxing drama sequel, directed by and starring Sylvester Stallone. With Antonio Tarver, Geraldine Hughes, Burt Young, Milo Ventimiglia and Tony Burton. (2006)

Pick of the Week

An explosive evening is in store for the family

It's February 2011, and Twitter starts buzzing with requests from stars to watch Friday Night Dinner, the new sitcom from Robert Popper.

As a producer of Peep Show and script editor on The Inbetweeners, he certainly earned his comedy stripes, but at the time it was anyone's guess whether FND would be a hit.

It helped that Popper secured the services of two of the hottest talents in British comedy – Tamsin Greig (Black Books, Episodes) and Simon Bird (The Inbetweeners).

The fact it was backed by one of Blighty's most successful producers, Nina Park (Shaun of the Dead, Hot Fuzz), was an added bonus. (Popper has tiny roles in both movies in case you were wondering).

The concept of FND was simplicity itself: each episode took place over the course of a Friday night, as twenty-something brothers Adam (Bird) and Jonny (Tom Rosenthal) went round to their parents' Jackie and Martin Goodman, for dinner.

It didn't hurt that Mark Heap, the king of offbeat characters such as

eccentric artist Brian in Spaced and creepy medic Alan in Green Wing, would often steal the show.

Though only a secondary character, his turn as the Goodmans' neighbour Jim Bell – loosely inspired by one of Popper's neighbours, who acted like Salvador Dali – soon became must-see viewing, especially as Jim's interest with Jackie borders on obsessive.

That he was terrified of his own Belgian Shepherd, Wilson, also led to many hilarious interludes. While some sitcoms such as The Big Bang Theory benefit from a high gag-per-minute count, others such as this show have more of a slow drip effect.

All of which brings us to this second run (Sunday, Channel 4, 10pm), and adhering to the well-worn formula 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it', Mr Popper's sitcom is still milking the same formula of domestic awkwardness and nosy neighbours.

This week, Grandma (Frances Cuka) introduces the family to her new boyfriend, but the seasoned curmudgeon soon upsets everyone with his rude behaviour.

Dad (Paul Ritter) cannot stand him and hides in his shed, but nobody is prepared for what happens when the guest suddenly loses his temper.

A good rule of thumb for any wordsmith is 'write what you know', which may be one of the reasons Popper's semi-autobiographical sitcom touches a chord with millions, including his family.

"It's very loosely based on them," he explained in one interview. "Although there are a few scenes which are completely, 100 per cent lifted from stuff that happened in my house."

Friday Night Dinner's success has not gone unnoticed across the Pond, and NBC has recently been planning a version for the all important American market.

The West Wing's Allison Janney and Monk's Tony Shalhoub have been cast as mum and dad for a pilot episode, with The Office's Greg Daniels penning the Stateside edition.

Whether that goes to a full series is anyone's guess, but if it does there's a good bet Mr Popper will be laughing all the way to the bank.



Friday Night Dinner, Sunday, Channel 4, 10pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Classic Car Rescue

Channel 5, 8pm

When Ford unveiled their latest model, the Mustang, in 1964, the company's big cheeses hoped it would do well, but had no idea it would be their most successful vehicle since the Model A. Punters fell in love with it, and it soon became one of Hollywood's favourite vehicles too with models popping up in 007 epics Goldfinger and Diamonds are Forever, but perhaps the greatest showcase was 1968 classic Bullitt. Steve McQueen driving it through the streets of San Francisco left an indelible mark on the minds of millions. Can Bernie Fineman and Mario Pacione restore a model for this week's show? There's only one way to find out.

Sing for Your Life

Channel 4, 8pm

Say what you like about Channel 4, but when they've got something to plug, there's nothing half-hearted about their efforts. And so this week, as they continue their fundraising campaign with Cancer Research UK, you're about to learn a heck of a lot more about terminal illnesses that claim eight million lives every year. This programme focuses on the Big C Choir which is made up of an inspiring group of people, who (yes, you've probably guessed), have all been or are receiving treatment for cancer. And while it's helped by the fact they're trained by the best (Emeli Sande and Russell Watson), it's not the easiest of challenges, as they juggle treatment sessions and rehearsals...

TUESDAY

Live International Football

ITV1, 7.30pm

England continue their quest to reach the 2014 World Cup finals in Brazil, with this evening's Group H qualifier away to Poland, staged at the National Stadium in Warsaw. The match looks to be one of the most challenging for Roy Hodgson's men, as they face a Polish side aiming to impress their fans following a poor showing at Euro 2012, which they co-hosted with Ukraine, but crashed out at the group stage without winning a game. Poland played twice at this venue, drawing on each occasion, and will look to Borussia Dortmund striker Robert Lewandowski to add to his growing reputation against an England defence that will be without former captain John Terry, who has retired from international football.

WEDNESDAY

Who Do You Think You Are? BBC1, 9pm

Although retired footballer John Barnes played internationally for England, he was born in Jamaica and lived there until he was 13. Unsurprisingly, he journeys back to the island of his birth to investigate his ancestors in the penultimate edition. Barnes pays particular attention to the role his grandfather played in Jamaica's fight for independence from Britain and the time he spent behind bars

during the Second World War. Barnes also wants to know why, after being so prominent, his relative eventually became unpopular with his former political allies. We've seen him impress on the pitch and swivel his hips on Strictly, but here we get to see yet another side to his personality.

THURSDAY Emmerdale at 40

ITV1, 8.30pm

The Yorkshire soap has been celebrating its 40th birthday with a week of drama featuring births, marriages and a death. But while fans may be busy speculating about who will die and whether Chas can really go through with saying 'I do' to Dan, it's also a good time to look back on some of the soap's biggest storylines from years gone by. This new series starts off with a look at the plots that grabbed the headlines, including the 1993 story that saw Zoe Tate coming out to her old-fashioned, homophobic father – and some equally shocked viewers. Emmerdale at 40 also covers the arrival of Patsy Kensit as Sadie King, and the heartbreaking plot that saw Laurel and Ashley losing baby Daniel.

Emmerdale at 40, Thursday, ITV1, 8.30pm

FRIDAY

Stand Up to Cancer Channel 4, 7.30pm

Cancer is no laughing matter, so like Comic Relief, there are bound to be a few serious moments in this info-tainment strand, which promises to educate and inform, but at the same time raise a few laughs at a disease which has affected millions of us. Channel 4 staples Dr Christian Jessen, Davina McCall and Alan Carr are present and correct, while the show is heaving with famous faces doing their bit for a good cause. X Factor veterans Cheryl Cole and Leona Lewis will be adding their dulcet tones to proceedings; there are editions of Chatty Man and The Million Pound Drop Live, while Derren Brown and a mystery celebrity take part in Paintball Russian Roulette.

Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers Channel 5, 8pm

For many of us growing up in the 1970s, trucking was as dynamic as Disco, and in recent years the success of Ice Road Truckers and this show has helped rekindle that interest extra vehicular activities. And if you do like to keep on trucking, then you might be keen on Eddie Stobart's new eco-friendly trailer, which can hold 20 per cent more goods than a regular carrier. Mark Dixon tests it out, but soon discovers the additional capacity poses fresh challenges. Meanwhile in Southport, Jimmy Callaghan has trouble negotiating bollards, and the company's annual festival, one of the biggest events in the trucking calendar, leaves the drivers rather excited.

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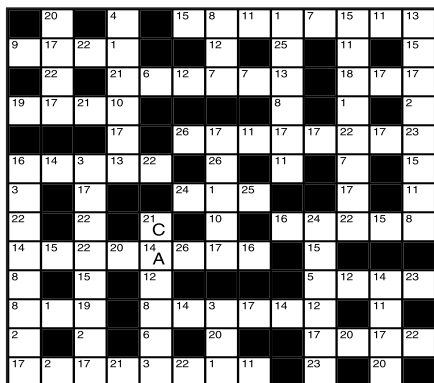
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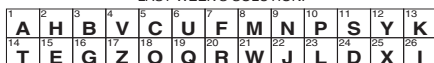
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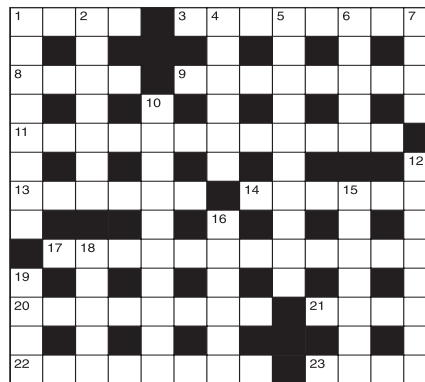
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Across

1. Yet it's work for actors (4)
3. Variety of liquorice (3,5)
8. As an afterthought, they crawl (4)
9. Not accidentally engaged? (8)
11. A chess match, for example? (5,7)
13. Mail for the landlord (6)
14. One art that's becoming decorative (6)
17. He's responsible for the classroom's re-organisation (12)
20. For which one needs to be in fighting form? (5,3)
21. Sparkling wine from Castile (4)
22. High points of religious architecture (8)
23. Looks both ways (4)

Down

1. Don't miss the delivery, but co-operate (4,4)
2. Serpent has to stop on the road (7)
4. Bird allowed outside the inn (6)
5. Not as inert as loud (10)
6. Finally captured an earthwork (5)
7. Half of the record team (4)
10. Groundless rumour that there's unemployment? (4,6)
12. Almost a hit with the girl (4,4)
15. Its rate is adjusted for a professional performer (7)
16. Disturb a sleep, if you don't mind (6)
18. A girl left in custody (5)
19. Legislative measures followed by Romans (4)



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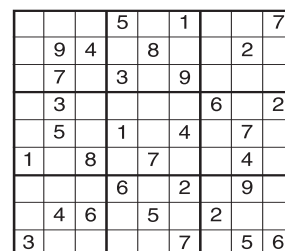
Across

1. Persia (4)
3. Cherished (8)
8. Locate (4)
9. To loose (8)
11. Mass (12)
13. Contemporary (6)
14. Revenue (6)
17. Bubbling (12)
20. Dreadful (8)
21. Moist (4)
22. Praised (8)
23. Pure (4)

Down

1. Example (8)
2. Object (7)
4. Fester (6)
5. Cunning (10)
6. Surpass (5)
7. Dispatch (4)
10. Unimportant (10)
12. Sixfold (8)
15. Daunt (7)
16. Develop (6)
18. Chief (5)
19. Footwear (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

1	7	6	8	9	5	3	4	2
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Yells in pain; 9 Arbutus; 10 Notch; 11 Bower; 12 Drawn up; 13 Cobble; 15 Repeal; 18 Earache; 20 Train; 22 Orate; 23 Parcels; 24 Reading lamp. Down: 2 Elbow; 3 Lateral; 4 Inside; 5 Panda; 6 Intense; 7 Gay bachelor; 8 Shapeliness; 14 Barrage; 16 Enthral; 17 Keep on; 19 Creed; 21 Abeam. QUICK - Across: 1 Catastrophe; 9 Failure; 10 Lotto; 11 Emend; 12 Ditches; 13 Absurd; 15 Gifted; 18 Holiday; 20 Solar; 22 Limit; 23 Transit; 24 Information. Down: 2 Agile; 3 Asunder; 4 Treads; 5 Owllet; 6 Hatchet; 7 After a while; 8 Considerate; 14 Solomon; 16 Instant; 17 System; 19 Ditto; 21 Lasso.



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A contemporary interior awaits the buyer of number 29 Broad Street, located in Coseley

NUMBER 29 Broad Street in Coseley is on the market for £95,000 and is described by the agent Taylors, as a 'significantly modernised' and 'consistently maintained' starter house.

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Upstairs, the landing has doors leading to three bedrooms and a bathroom. Each of the rooms has a coved ceiling, double-glazed window and radiator while the bathroom has a contemporary suite with shower, hand wash basin, WC and chrome-effect heated towel rail. Outside, the front of the

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Taylors is marketing this 'significantly modernised' property

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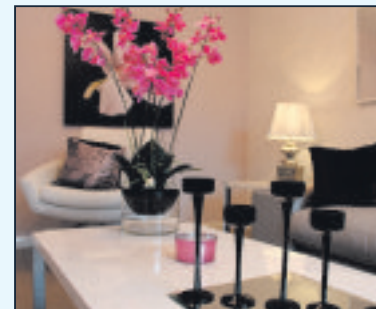
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Affording one of the best positions in this exclusive cul-de-sac location, is this fastidiously maintained and improved, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed 4 bedroom executive styled detached residence requiring internal inspection to appreciate the quality of the accommodation on offer, comprising, hall lounge, dining room, modern kitchen with integrated appliances, guest cloak, heated conservatory, four first floor bedrooms, master with en-suite shower, modern family bathroom, all this presented in landscaped gardens with large driveway, garage, this superb property is a credit to its current vendors, rare opportunity, no upward chain. STRICTLY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Brierley Hill Office 01384 265265

Offers in the Region Of **£249,950****SEDGLEY**

Warren Drive, Northway

An attractive, particularly SPACIOUS, gas centrally & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED detached with good distant views upon favoured development. Accommodation provides imposing reception hall (oak stripped floor), reappointed cloakroom, transverse 19'6" lounge with bay, store, separate dining room (with patio doors), refitted kitchen. Four bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with white suite, brick garage, sheltered/secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£214,950****DUDLEY****NEW PRICE**

Ripley Grove

Recently built, exceptionally stylish (former showhome), gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached occupying fine corner plot & covered by remainder of NHBC. Accommodation provides imposing reception hall with spacious fitted cloakroom, through lounge (with double french doors out to garden), good size dining kitchen acting as 'hub of the house' with a fine range of units with many integrated appliances, FOUR BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with built in wardrobes & shower room en suite - built in wardrobes to second bedroom), bathroom with white suite, landscaped garden & brick GARAGE to side. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£193,950****LOWER GORNAL****NEW PRICE**

Himley Gardens

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED link detached envitably situated in quiet backwater with TREMENDOUS DISTANT VIEWS yet within walking distance of so many amenities/country park/etc. and where houses are only rarely made available for sale. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, transverse 16'3" max lounge, extended T-shape 'hub of the house' dining kitchen with a fine range of oak finish units, various integrated appliances & double french doors out to the garden, office, utility room, cloakroom. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with professionally installed range of units), bathroom with white suite. Further potential. Garage, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£185,000****COSELEY**

Turls Hill Road, Hurst Hill

An absolutely exceptional, tremendously enhanced, improved & modernised, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed intermediate home envitably situated in what is effectively a 'country lane' with distant views over fields. Superb stylish accommodation includes: 27'5" through living/dining room (lofty ceiling heights & cast multi-fuel stove), inner lobby, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units/integrated appliances (sky light) and a spacious bathroom (sky light) with white suite/chrome fittings. To the first floor is a landing with double French doors to BALCONY, two bedrooms (both with fitted wardrobes), and a principal dormer bedroom with panoramic distant views & exposed beams. Delightful sheltered well tended rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£174,995****WALL HEATH****EXTENDED**

Victoria Street

This SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, NOW VERY SPACIOUS SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME is pleasantly situated within this highly desirable location, offering GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED and ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, very large lounge with dining area off, extended and refitted kitchen with built in appliances, utility room. THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, refitted bathroom and SUPERB LOFT. Set back beyond the LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY and enjoying an EXCELLENT SIZED and ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£174,950**QUARRY BANK****LOVELY GARDEN**

Coppice Rise

This fine property built by Messrs David Payne to the Quinton specification has been occupied by the current vendor since new and has been maintained to a high standard throughout. The well presented gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation comprises: entrance hall/porch, lounge, dining kitchen, guest wc, three bedrooms, bathroom, well kept gardens, driveway, garage, uPVC guttering & fascia, burglar alarm, condensing boiler, a rare opportunity

£172,950**COSELEY**

Beechfield Grove, Bramford Estate

A magnificent, comprehensively renovated, EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years to an outstanding specification. Stylish accommodation includes enlarged reception hall, store, lounge with bay (& log burner), dining room with bay, refitted kitchen with 'high gloss white' units & various integrated appliances, large utility/laundry room, separate toilet & a further reception room (alternative use as bedroom or office, etc.), three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, extensive parking, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£164,950****DUDLEY**

Himley Avenue

SPACIOUS, significantly upgraded, freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated DETACHED set at head of cul de sac. Stylish upgraded accommodation includes entrance hallway, 24ft living/dining room, 15'10" breakfast kitchen, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, reappointed bathroom with contemporary white fitted suite, garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£159,950****LOWER GORNAL**

Wordsworth Road, Straits

An EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached family home in favoured district within walking distance of country park/schools/post office/bus route, etc. Accommodation provides entrance vestibule, reception hall, lounge, dining room with patio doors, kitchen, FOUR BEDROOMS, bathroom, lengthy garage, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£156,950****KINGSWINFORD****£5,000 REDUCTION**

Randall Close

A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED LINK-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT and is well placed upon the fringes of the popular High Acres development, providing an EXCEPTIONALLY WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation with much potential, comprising: 24'4" Reception Hall, ground floor Shower Room, large Lounge with Dining Room off, Study, small Sitting Room/Bedroom Four, 21'4" Kitchen, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, re fitted Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. LARGE BLOCK-PAVED DRIVEWAY and rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£154,950**GORNAL WOOD****NEW PRICE**

Mount Close

This beautifully presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached home is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac and is well worthy of internal inspection. The surprisingly spacious property briefly comprises: entrance hall, open plan lounge/dining room, refitted/enlarged kitchen, study/sitting room, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£149,950****WOODSETTON**

Brook Street

An attractive, modernised & conscientiously maintained, freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, gas centrally heated semi detached in well regarded district. Delightful accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, fitted cloakroom, sitting room with bay, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, tiled shower room (formerly bathroom), lengthy (24'10") garage, garden with good distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£145,950****KINGSWINFORD****Open Viewing Sat 13th Oct 10-2pm**

Fairlawn Drive

Exceptionally well placed upon The Paddock, arguably one of Kingswinford's most sought after developments, this ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW enjoys a SUPERB OPEN REAR ASPECT and offers accommodation which is READY TO MOVE INTO and comprising: reception hall, spacious lounge with dining area, refitted kitchen, TWO BEDROOMS attractively re-appointed bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With DRIVEWAY, VERANDA / GARAGE and beautifully landscaped rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£145,950**SEDGLEY**

Richmond Road

A traditional, freehold, gas centrally heated (comb boiler) & uPVC double glazed inter-war semi detached that has been significantly modernised/ refurbished in recent months set in convenient district within reasonable walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring/associated amenities. Various period features remain (wood stripped floor/fireplaces/picture rails) and the accommodation includes porch, imposing reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room (with double french doors), refitted kitchen with oven, hob & extractor, pantry, three bedrooms, upgraded bathroom with white suite, narrow 'garage', garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£145,000****WORDSLEY****£5,000 REDUCTION**

Ashdene Gardens

Superbly located within this delightful cul de sac upon the very popular and highly sought after Forest Lawns / Ashwood Park development, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers VERY SPACIOUS and WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious full depth lounge with dining area, extended kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE BEDROOMS and refitted shower room. With LARGE TARMAC DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and pleasantly secluded rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£139,950**UPPER GORNAL**

The Paddock

VENDOR ADVISES STAMP DUTY PAID ON FULL ASKING PRICE. A conscientiously maintained, comparatively spacious, Freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached with further potential set in short/quiet cul-de-sac with GOOD DISTANT VIEWS. Accommodation includes: entrance porch, traditional reception hall, cloakroom, through living/dining room with bay, kitchen, pantry, Three bedrooms, bathroom. Large contractors garage with store & laundry room off, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£135,000****COSELEY**

Eimdale Road, Bramford Estate

An EXTENDED, gas centrally & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular/convenient district. Enhanced accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, store, extended 18'2" dining/sitting room with patio doors to brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, extended/refitted 15ft kitchen with oak effect units & various integrated appliances, three bedrooms, reappointed shower room (former bathroom) with white suite, block paved parking/shared driveway, garage, good size secluded rear garden (mining search available). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of **£126,950**

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A most attractive, EXTENDED, much enhanced & conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached bungalow envitably situated on periphery of favoured development abutting onto open fields. Accommodation provides 'L' shape reception hall, cloak, airing cupboard, two double bedrooms (both with fitted wardrobes), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, lounge with bow window, separate dining room, tiled kitchen, garage, landscaped level gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £239,950

Pensnett**Mayflower Drive**

Enjoying perhaps one of the best corner positions within a sought after development, this IMMACULATE AND SUBSTANTIAL MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME is BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED and GENEROUS throughout, including REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, GAS CENTRAL HEATING, comprising: Porch, Reception Hall, large Lounge with bay, separate Dining Room, CONSERVATORY EXTENSION, Breakfast Kitchen with appliances, separate Laundry/Utility, ground floor WC, FOUR GOOD BEDROOMS, the Master having an LUXURY EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM and House Bathroom. VERY LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and GENEROUS BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR/ SIDE GARDENS. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£205,950

DUDLEY**Buckingham Rise, Milking Bank**

An attractive, gas centrally heated & double glazed McLean built detached occupying an imposing corner plot in short favoured cul de sac where houses are rarely made available for sale. Well proportioned accommodation includes enlarged 14ft reception hall, store, superb through living/dining room (formerly two separate rooms), refitted kitchen with an extensive range of 'beech' effect units & spacious utility room beyond. Four generous bedrooms (three with built in wardrobes & principal bedroom with shower room en suite), reappointed bathroom with white contemporary styled suite/chrome detailing, 19'10" garage, block paved driveway, sheltered rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £199,950

KINGSWINFORD**Court Crescent**

A SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME well placed for excellent schooling in this desirable location, offering GENEROUS and BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED accommodation, comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, generous full depth lounge with dining room area off, EXTENDED and BEAUTIFULLY REFITTED KITCHEN with appliances, THREE EXCELLENT SIZE BEDROOMS and shower room, GAS CENTRAL HEATING, REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a LARGE BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT SUNNY REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£189,950

WORDSLEY**Stream Road**

A SUBSTANTIAL AND MOST IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS, DAVID PAYNE, THREE STOREY END TOWNHOUSE within this highly sought after address, offering BEAUTIFULLY and IMMACULATELY APPOINTED/PRESENTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance hall, reception hall, full width lounge, separate dining room, attractively fitted kitchen with appliances, utility room, ground and first floor W.C.s, FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS (master with EN-SUITE) and house bathroom. With TWO ALLOCATED OFF ROAD PARKING SPACES, GARAGE and ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£189,950

SEDGLEY**Longmeadow Drive, Northway**

A delightful, conscientiously maintained, freehold, UPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated detached in favoured district convenient for so many amenities. Superb accommodation includes entrance vestibule, inner hallway, 23'4" through lounge/dining room (with living flame feature gas fire), kitchen, utility room, three bedrooms, tiled bathroom, large garage, neat well tended gardens, block paved driveway. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £187,000

NETHERTON**Saltwells Road**

This BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED and REALLY VERY SUCCESSFUL, TRADITIONAL, TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW affords a layout with both GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING and has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners as personal inspection will confirm. The impressive EXTENDED accommodation briefly comprises hall, sitting room, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, utility/breakfast room, two good bedrooms, re-fitted shower room with white suite and versatile loft. Driveway and well stocked rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£179,950

GORNAL WOOD**Woodland Grove**

Enviably situated in short cul-de-sac just off Brick Kiln Lane where houses are only rarely available for sale; a conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated, part UPVC double glazed EXTENDED detached. The accommodation provides: reception hall, lounge, transverse 'hub of the house' breakfast kitchen, and a dining room beyond, together with a 'garden room'. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Lengthy block paved driveway, brick garage, sheltered/secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950

WORDSLEY**Belle Vue**

A LARGE PERIOD SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME, well placed within a sought after location, BACKING ONTO KING GEORGE V PARK, offering a DECEPTIVELY LARGE layout of WELL PRESENTED accommodation, comprising: Large Full Width Lounge, Spacious Second Sitting Room, Fitted Kitchen with appliances, Rear Hall/Laundry, Bathroom, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, FIRST FLOOR SHOWER ROOM, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. SHARED SIDE DRIVEWAY and a VERY LONG REAR GARDEN backing onto park. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£154,950

KINGSWINFORD**Oregon Close**

Pleasantly located, BACKING ONTO AN OPEN FIELD with established trees, within this sought after cul de sac upon Crestwood Park, this VERY SPACIOUS MODERN, SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED accommodation, including TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS and comprising: reception hall, spacious full width lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, refitted bathroom, superb loft (stairs off landing), GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With attractive fore garden with shrubs, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN enjoying the pleasant, open rear aspect. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£147,500

WORDSLEY**Longboat Lane**

AN ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED HOME which is READY TO MOVE INTO and pleasantly located within this sought after location, offering WELL PROPORTIONED and BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance hall, large lounge, attractively appointed dining kitchen with integrated appliances, TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and refitted classic white bathroom. With BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, 27'7" x 7'6" GARAGE and pleasant patio / lawned rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£137,500

WOODSETTON**Brook Street**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL - An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & primarily UPVC double glazed semi detached in need of sympathetic updating set in popular convenient district. Accommodation includes entrance lobby, reception hall, lounge with bay, pantry, dining room with patio doors, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, lengthy 20'4" garage, gardens with distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950

QUARRY BANK**Stour Hill**

Pleasantly situated within this established address, this REALLY MOST DECEPTIVE, THREE BEDROOM, TRADITIONAL DETACHED HOME affords a layout with both GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, but moreover is seen to comprise: porch, fine hall, attractive sitting room, formal dining room area, splendid refitted kitchen, three first floor bedrooms and delightful white bathroom. Fore garden with adjoining drive, garage with utility area at the rear and with an established rear garden including decking. NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£127,500

WOODSETTON**Rosemary Crescent**

An attractive traditional freehold gas centrally heated and primarily UPVC double glazed semi detached home of character that has been considerably modernised, enhanced and improved over the years set in a relatively quiet 'backwater' convenient for many amenities. The accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, spacious through lounge/dining room, extended kitchen, utility room, three bedrooms (two with extensive range of fitted wardrobes), shower room, side gated driveway and garage with workroom beyond, lengthy well tended rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

KINGSWINFORD**Bromley Lane**

Enjoying a LARGE and ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE offers a SPACIOUS and WELL PRESENTED layout of accommodation which is further enhanced by a LONG BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY approach, the accommodation includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprises: reception hall, large full depth lounge with dining area, extended kitchen with integrated appliances, rear lobby with ground floor w.c. and storage off, THREE BEDROOMS and shower room, LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, attractive front garden, GARAGE and the approximate 75' long level rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£139,950

PENSNETT**Teviot Gardens**

Enjoying a position just off the thoroughfare of Teviot Gardens, THIS REALLY VERY WELL ARRANGED, MODERN, THREE BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED HOME should appeal to first time buyers and young families, with a layout having GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING to comprise: hall, guests cloakroom, pleasant sitting room, oak styled kitchen, dining room area, three first floor bedrooms, and delightful bathroom with corner suite. Fore garden, enclosed rear garden and with rear access to garage. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£114,950

PENSNETT**Church Street**

This traditional style, UPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed, semi detached home is situated in a popular residential location, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining area, enlarged kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, driveway and rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£109,950

Pensnett**Belmont Road**

Forming part of an established and convenient location which is well placed for local amenities, this TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME requires updating, but offers considerable potential to enhance the SPACIOUS and VERY WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation, including TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS and comprising: reception hall, lounge, separate sitting room, breakfast kitchen, side veranda / utility, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. With lawned fore garden with shrubs, DRIVEWAY and ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£104,950

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COSELEY**Waddell Close, Woodcross**

A gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed & comparatively spacious, Freehold, semi detached property situated in short cul-de-sac in popular/convenient district. The conscientiously maintained accommodation includes; entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, separate dining room, breakfast kitchen, pantry. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Lengthy driveway to GARAGE, various brick stores, lengthy well tended rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

GORNAL WOOD**Chapel Walk**

RARE OPPORTUNITY! - A significantly enhanced, comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached bungalow (effectively Flat alternative) conveniently situated in particularly secluded/private location within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Accommodation includes entrance vestibule, 28'4" through central reception hall with lobby to the rear, two stores, lounge with double french doors to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY addition, refitted kitchen with various integrated appliances, double bedroom, reappointed bathroom with white suite, neat 'low maintenance' gardens. GARAGE & further parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,950

DUDLEY**Magdalen Close, London Heights**

Enviably situated in short/quiet cul de sac with tremendous views & EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached. Accommodation provides enlarged entrance porch, dining room, lounge, extended 17'8" breakfast kitchen. THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, garage, parking, recently landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £112,000

SEDGLEY**NEW PRICE****Dudley Road**

Absolutely outstanding, THREE BEDROOM, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated intermediate terrace that has been TRANSFORMED by present vendors over the years to provide a superb home. The stylish accommodation includes; lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen, guest w.c. Two first floor bedrooms, splendid refitted bathroom with white suite, attic bedroom three, and an expertly tended rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £105,950

BROCKMOOR**NEW PRICE****Cressett Avenue**

This well presented, modern style, double glazed, centrally heated, two bedroomed semi detached home is situated in an established residential location, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises: Lounge, Kitchen, two double Bedrooms, re-fitted Bathroom with white suite, Driveway and a pleasant rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers in Excess of £100,000

NETHERTON**OPEN DAY SAT 13TH OCT 10-2****Baptist End Road**

Having been the subject of a complete scheme of modernisation by the current vendors, this gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed, modern style three bedroomed semi detached property offers family sized accommodation, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises; hall, lounge, re-fitted kitchen/diner, guest wc, three first floor bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom with shower, landscaped rear garden, parking to the front, rear access with allocated space for garage. Realistically priced. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£99,950

KINGSWINFORD**NEW PRICE****Nanaimo Way**

A TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED HOUSE which is superbly located within this popular address AVAILABLE WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN, and offering a SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED layout of SPACIOUS accommodation which requires some updating, comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, full width lounge, separate dining room, 21' side hall, kitchen with built in appliances, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, shower room, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is set back beyond the low maintenance frontage including SHARED SIDE TARMAC DRIVEWAY leading to GARAGE and to the rear offering a DELIGHTFUL LEVEL ENCLOSED GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£99,950

DUDLEY**Pebworth Grove**

This modern, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), two bedroom semi detached home is well presented throughout & may be of particular interest to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, block paved driveway, garage & a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950

UPPER GORNAL**Quarry Brow**

A particularly stylish, tremendously modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached with GOOD DISTANT VIEWS having rare advantage of wider than average potential driveway to side. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, upgraded dining kitchen, walk-in store, lobby, separate toilet. Two double bedrooms (one with walk-in store), spacious re-appointed bathroom with white suite, pressed concrete driveway/rear terrace, fenced garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950

GORNAL WOOD**Flavells Lane**

A distinctive & highly individual, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated double fronted cottage of character with further potential. Enjoying good distant views from the front, the property is set well back from the lane (pedestrian access only) and comprises entrance porch, dining room, central hallway, lounge with patio doors, kitchen, bathroom, THREE BEDROOMS, garden designed for 'low maintenance'. No Parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £95,950

DUDLEY**NEW PRICE****Sycamore Green, Old Park Farm estate**

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units) & gas centrally heated semi detached would now ideally benefit from cosmetic modernisation/improvement yet offers excellent potential. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining kitchen, downstairs w.c., three good bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £94,950

WOMBOURNE**Planks Lane**

This HUGE TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT is exceptionally well placed just a short distance from heart of Wombourne Village with its excellent selection of amenities and offers a MOST GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED LAYOUT of accommodation, enhanced by a LARGE SECURED REAR GARDEN. GARAGE and comprising: ground floor lobby, first floor landing, very large lounge, kitchen (in need of updating), TWO EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, classic white bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£92,950

WOODSETTON**NEW PRICE****Parkes Hall Road**

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated mid terrace has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners & may particularly appeal to both first time buyers & young families alike. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen, guest w.c., three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite & a well stocked rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £89,950

DUDLEY**£7,500 REDUCTION****Corbyn Road**

A VERY IMPRESSIVE SEMI DETACHED HOUSE well placed within the very popular Russells Hall development, offering a GENEROUS & VERY WELL APPOINTED layout which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, part UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Reception Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, RE FITTED KITCHEN with appliances, TWO LARGE BEDROOMS and modern bathroom. Set beyond the FULL WIDTH DRIVEWAY and enjoying a GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN with LARGE GARDEN STORE. IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777.

£87,500

DUDLEY**Blackthorne Close, Old Park Farm estate**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached upon WIDER THAN AVERAGE plot (providing tremendous potential) at head of cul-de-sac. The property comprises; entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, transverse dining kitchen (with an upgraded range of "beech" effect units, integrated oven, hob & filter), and a large utility room/store beyond. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite, separate w.c. LARGE CAR PORT (19' x 9'2"). good sized garden with potential rear vehicular access. Mining Search available (limited mortgage facilities) - further details with Agents SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £84,950

DUDLEY**New Road**

A comparatively SPACIOUS, Freehold, gas centrally heated & majority uPVC double glazed semi detached modernised in the past but with further potential. Excellent accommodation includes; lofty reception hall, living room with bay, dining kitchen. Landing, two good bedrooms, bathroom. Second floor landing with a third bedroom. Good sized cleared/tidy rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £84,950

WORDSLEY**£5,000 REDUCTION****Bracken Park Gardens**

A BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED AND SPACIOUS GROUND FLOOR FLAT which is pleasantly located within this much sought after canal side development, offering TASTEFULLY PRESENTED accommodation throughout, including REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising; security entrance, reception hall, large lounge, LUXURY REFITTED KITCHEN with integrated appliances, double bedroom, refitted shower room. The property is further enhanced by the maintained gardens and grounds, ALLOCATED RESIDENT CAR PARKING SPACE and VISITOR CAR PARKING. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£79,950

UPPER GORNAL**Kinfare Rise**

This immaculately presented, conscientiously maintained, part uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, two double bedroomed FIRST FLOOR FLAT which is conveniently situated for local amenities, and is well worthy of an internal inspection. The surprisingly spacious property briefly comprises; communal entrance, private hall, living room, refitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, and a private rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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KINGSWINFORD**£5,000 REDUCTION****Ragees Road**

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£74,950

NETHERTON**NEW PRICE****Maybank Road**

This traditional style, majority double glazed, two bedroomed semi detached property would now ideally benefit from sympathetic improvement/updating, yet offers excellent potential. Available with no upward chain, accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, two first floor bedrooms, driveway, and rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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ROWLEY REGIS

KNOWLE ROAD

•An extended Semi Detached •Three Bedrooms •Two Reception Rooms •Extended Kitchen •Bathroom Upstairs •Double Glazing Where Stated •Gas Central Heating System •Rear Garden •Driveway •No Upward Chain

£69,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



TIVDALE

ELM TERRACE

•An Improved Extended Semi Detached •Two Bedrooms •Two Reception Rooms •Extended Refitted Kitchen •Refitted Shower Room •Double Glazing Where Stated •Gas Central Heating System •Rear Garden •Driveway

£105,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



NETHERTON

HOCKLEY LANE

•Three Bedroom Detached Property •Lounge •Kitchen •Diner •Double Glazing Where Stated •Rear Garden •Driveway •No Chain

£162,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



WOODSETTON

RATCLIFFE CLOSE

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Through Lounge/Dining Room •Fitted Kitchen •Bathroom Upstairs •Double Glazing Where Stated •Gas Central Heating System •Garage •Driveway

£164,750 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



DUDLEY

CEDAR ROAD

•Improved Semi Detached •Three Bedrooms •Attic Room Used As Bedroom •Lounge •Refitted Kitchen •Diner •Ground Floor Refitted Bathroom •Double Glazing Where Stated •Gas Central Heating System •Rear Garden Having Decking •Driveway

£117,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



NETHERTON

GOLDEN HILLOCK ROAD

•An Improved & Extended Semi Detached Property •Three Bedrooms •Bedroom One Extended & Having En-Suite •Dining Room •Extended Lounge/Utility Room •Fitted Kitchen •Double Glazing Where Stated •Gas Central Heating System •Rear Garden •Driveway

£115,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



TIVDALE

CITY ROAD

•An Improved Three Bedroom End Terrace •Lounge •Dining Room •Conservatory •Kitchen •Double Glazing •Gas Central Heating System •Rear Garden •Viewing Recommended

Offers Over £120,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



DUDLEY

OCCUPATION STREET

•A Much Improved Mid Terraced Residence •Three Bedrooms •Two Reception Rooms •Refitted Kitchen •Refitted Bathroom •Double Glazing Where Stated •Gas Central Heating System •Rear Garden

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DUDLEY

LANGSTONE ROAD

•An Extended Semi Detached •Two Bedrooms •Extended Kitchen •Extended Dining Room •Lounge •Gas Central Heating System •Double Glazing Where Stated •Garage •Driveway

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LOWER GORNAL

SUMMER LANE

•Second Floor Flat •Two Bedrooms •Lounge •Fitted Kitchen •Bathroom Having White Suite •Double Glazing •Elevated Views To Rear •Viewing Recommended

£65,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



TIPTON

FERNWOOD CROFT

•First Floor Maisonette •Two Bedrooms •Lounge •Kitchen •Double Glazing Where Stated •No Chain

£47,500 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



NETHERTON

STONEY LANE

•An Improved Semi Detached Property •Three Bedrooms •Lounge •Fitted Kitchen •Dining Room •Lounge •Refitted Bathroom •Double Glazing Where Stated •Gas Central Heating System •Bathroom

£115,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



CRADLEY HEATH

•A Much Improved Three Bedroom Mid Terrace •Two Reception Rooms •Extended Kitchen/Dining Room •Bathroom Having White Suite •Double Glazing •Gas Central Heating System •Rear Garden •Viewing Recommended

£109,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



TIPTON

CONEYGREE ROAD

•An Improved End Terrace •Three Bedrooms •Lounge •Kitchen •Bathroom Upstairs •Gas Central Heating System •Double Glazing Where Stated •Rear Garden

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KINGSWINFORD

LINGFIELD WAY

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Entrance Hall •Lounge •Kitchen •Bathroom Upstairs •Double Glazing Where Stated •Gas Central Heating System •Garage •Driveway •No Chain

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DUDLEY

QUEENS HALL

•One Bedroom Modern Apartment •Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen •Bathroom Having White Suite •Double Glazing As Stated •Intercom Entry •Allocated Parking Via Secured Gateway

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DUDLEY

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•Boy Fronted Semi Detached •Three Bedrooms •Lounge •Conservatory •Dining Room •Double Glazing Where Stated •Gas Central Heating System •Driveway •Garage

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BRIERLEY HILL

STATION ROAD

•Tenant in Situated in the Property •Two Bedroom Mid Terrace •Kitchen •Diner •Lounge •Gas Central Heating System •Double Glazing Where Stated •No Upward Chain

£67,950 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



SEDGLEY

•Extended Modern Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Two Reception Rooms •Open Plan Modern Kitchen/Dining Room •Modern Bathroom Suite Upstairs •Enclosed Rear Garden •Off Street Parking To The Front •Gas Central Heating System •Double Glazed Where Stated

£139,995 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



DUDLEY WOOD

DALVINE ROAD

•A Much Improved Semi Detached Residence •Three Bedrooms •Lounge •Fitted Dining Kitchen •Refitted Bathroom •Double Glazing Where Stated •Gas Central Heating System •Landscaped Rear Garden •No Chain

£125,000 DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



TIVDALE

CITY ROAD

•An Improved Three Bedroom Mid Terrace •Attic Room •Lounge/Dining Room •Fitted Extended •Bathroom Having White Suite •Double Glazing Where Stated •Gas Central Heating System •Driveway •Rear Garden

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- Garage
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- Two bed apt with appliances
- CH and DG
- Fitted kitchen
- Allocated parking

£525pcm



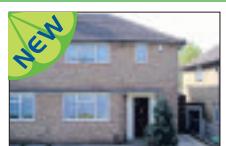
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- Two bed mid terrace
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Gas hob and Electric oven



- Bathroom with bath and shower facilities
- Rear garden
- Parking

£495.00pcm



Rowley Regis
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- Two double bedrooms
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- GCH and DG
- Bathroom with Bath and

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Coseley
Roseville Court

- Two bed flat windows
- Electric heating and DG
- Refitted bathroom with shower

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- Four bed detached appliances
- CH & DG
- Kitchen with
- Modern Bathroom
- Garage

£750pcm



Tipton
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- Four Bed
- Detached House
- GCH & DG
- Conservatory
- Master Bedroom with en suite

£675pcm



Tipton
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- Three bed semi appliances
- CH & DG
- Kitchen with
- ORP

£600pcm



Wednesbury
Hawkswood Drive

- Substantially extended three bed semi detached
- Lounge, Fitted kitchen
- GCH & DG, Conservatory
- Bathroom with bath & shower cubicle
- Garage & driveway

£595pcm



West Bromwich
Tame Street

- Three bed family home
- CH & DG
- Kitchen with gas cooker

- Bath and Shower facilities
- Conservatory
- Garage

£575pcm



Willenhall
Princethorpe Road

- Three bed modern detached townhouse
- GCH & DG
- Kitchen with oven and hob

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Wednesbury
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- Three bed semi new cooker
- CH & DG
- Kitchen with shower
- Bathroom with

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Rowley Regis
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- Three bed semi detached house
- Fitted kitchen with appliances
- Lounge, GCH
- Bathroom with shower
- Rear garden, ORP

£495pcm



Wednesbury
Crown Court

- Two Bed Semi
- Kitchen/diner with cooker
- Bathroom with shower
- ORP

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Wednesbury
Goldby Drive

- Two bed FF apartment
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with bath and shower

£475pcm



Tipton
Sandders Crescent

- Two bed detached house
- Unfurnished
- Fitted kitchen with appliances
- Bathroom with electric shower
- ORP for two cars
- Available immediately

£475pcm



Tipton
Lissimore Drive

- Modern first floor apartment
- CH & DG
- Hall, lounge & fitted
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower
- Allotment parking

£475pcm



Coseley
Bank Street

- Attractive cottage
- CH, Lounge, sitting room
- Fitted kitchen, Useful storage cellar
- Bathroom with shower
- Two bedrooms

£475pcm



Tipton
Leveson Drive

- Modern mid terrace property
- Fitted kitchen/diner with cooker
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom with bath & shower
- Off road parking
- Front and rear garden

£475pcm



Willenhall
Sandbeds Road

- Two bed mid terrace
- Unfurnished
- GCH
- Bathroom with bath and shower

£450pcm



Willenhall
Gipsy Lane

- Two bed detached bungalow
- Redecorated and refurbished
- CH & DG
- Bathroom with separate shower cubicle
- ORP for two cars
- Off road parking
- Available immediately

£450 pcm



West Bromwich
Greets Green Road

- Two bed terraced house
- GCH & DG
- Modern Kitchen
- Bathroom with shower

£450pcm



Tipton
Bonneville Close

- One bed second floor apt
- Lounge
- CH and DG



- Kitchen with washing machine
- Bath and Shower facilities
- Allocated parking

£425pcm



Tipton
Gough Drive

- FF one bed apt
- Kitchen with appliances
- Bathroom with bath and shower

£425pcm



Tipton
Bonneville Close

- One bed apartment
- DG & GCH
- Lounge with Juliette balcony



- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with bath & shower
- Allocated parking

£420pcm



Dudley
Viewfield Crescent

- FF One bed apartment
- DG
- Kitchen with oven and fridge
- Bathroom with

£375pcm



Tipton
Oak Close

- FF One Bed Apartment
- Part Furnished
- Lounge

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- Electric Shower and bath
- Available immediately

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NEW INSTRUCTION



A two bedroom semi detached house set in a cul de sac location with lounge, fitted kitchen, gardens to the front and rear and driveway to the side.

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NEW INSTRUCTION



A really well presented three bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge, breakfast kitchen, driveway to the front and good sized garden to the rear

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NETHERTON
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NEW INSTRUCTION



Set along a secluded driveway this traditional four bedroom detached house is in immaculate order throughout and briefly comprises of a light open hallway, lounge, separate dining room, modern fitted kitchen, downstairs wc,

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COSELEY
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DUDLEY
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£550PCM

DUDLEY
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NEW INSTRUCTION



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£575PCM

DUDLEY
Greenhill Road

NEW INSTRUCTION



Three bedroom semi detached house. Lounge and kitchen/diner. Utility area and downstairs toilet. Possible 4th bedroom / office on the ground floor. Driveway. No Dss. Unfurnished. Available now to view.

£595 PCM

TIPTON
Gordon Drive

NEW INSTRUCTION



A three bed detached house with open plan lounge with dining room and kitchen, utility area, oven/hob, plumbing for dishwasher. Downstairs toilet and house bathroom with shower. Rear garden and garage. No Dss. No

£625 PCM

TIPTON
Lissimore Drive

NEW INSTRUCTION



A four bed semi-detached house. Lounge and separate dining room, modern fitted kitchen, upstairs house bathroom/WC and en-suite. Unfurnished, available now for long term rental, no DSS, no pets. Garage and rear garden.

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COSELEY **NEW**



CEDAR AVENUE
£695 pcm

Semi Detached Property. Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Gardens, Single Garage

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SURREY DRIVE
£550 pcm

Maisonette, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking, Part Furnished, Available Immediately

BRIERLEY HILL **NEW**



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CHAPEL STREET
£450 pcm

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MONINS AVENUE
£570 pcm

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BRADLEY STREET
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WOODSETTON **NEW**



WREN STREET
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WORDSLEY



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WOLLESCOTE



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CRADLEY HEATH



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Mercedes applying the brake

By Iain Dooley

PREDICTING what customers might want is one thing, but getting it right time after time is what really separates the successful car companies from the also-rans.

2003 saw Mercedes unveil what was, for its time, a radical four-door 'coupe'. The initial response to the firm's CLS was a lot of puzzled faces. How things have changed.

Now into its second generation and having triggered a handful of me-too cars, Mercedes had added a niche within a niche in the shape of a CLS Shooting Brake.

Really it's just a posh alternative to an estate car, but this CLS looks better than your average big box on wheels.

That's the point. The CLS has succeeded because there are enough people who want the practicality of a big saloon but also want something more stylish.

The same logic supports the Shooting Brake concept - with 590 litres of space in regular trim and 1,550 litres with the rear seats folded, it's no four-wheeled trinket but a capable load-lugger for all but the most demanding owners.

To satisfy the fashionistas there's not a straight line to be seen anywhere.

Well, that's not strictly true as you'll see plenty of straight lines if you opt for the wood decking for the rear load space. Yes, you can buy a CLS wagon with a wood floor. Proof, if you needed it, that Mercedes is aiming high in the style stakes with this streamlined station wagon.

Yet, for all the car's aesthetic attributes, the CLS Shooting Brake easily appeals to your practical side.

Like its four-door cousin, the Shooting Brake swallows a full complement of adults. The headlining in the back has a cutout section to boost headroom, while the rear doors open wide enough to make getting in and out straightforward.

Up front the instruments, controls and layout will be familiar to CLS and E-Class fans, and it's top marks for the quality and design of the materials in the cabin. Leather chairs are standard, although the CLS wouldn't be a Mercedes if there wasn't a long list of tempting options.

The two trim levels - regular and AMG Sport - offer a good level of equipment, including leather upholstery, satnav, alloy wheels, climate control, seven-speed auto gearbox and plenty of safety kit.

The AMG Sport variants include a subtle bodykit, sportier suspension, larger alloy wheels and LED headlights. Audio upgrades, contrasting cabin trim choices, different leather and wheels plus a host of other comfort and safety kit form the bulk of the cost options.

Mercedes has sensibly limited the choice of engines to three - two diesel and one petrol.

Being an estate car of sorts, diesel makes a lot of sense, and Mercedes' popular 250 and 350 CDI units offer affordable and more than adequate performance, while economy and emissions ratings are close enough to pick the more powerful motor with a relatively clean conscience.

The 250 and 350 CDI diesel engines output a reasonable 201bhp and healthy 261bhp respectively, plus 53.3mpg and 135g/km CO2 for the smaller four-cylinder engine and 47.1mpg and 161g/km for the six-cylinder motor.

That petrol engine? It's Mercedes' new 5.5-litre turbo AMG unit, which means 549bhp through the rear wheels and a noise that'll frighten small children.

Those diesel offerings will be kinder on your finances, with the 250 CDI providing a balance of economy and cruising ability and the more powerful 350 CDI delivering an extra slug of power and torque to make light work of hills, hauling kit and high-speed motorway.

Factor in the car's well-judged suspension - including air springs at the rear, long wheelbase, variable assistance steering and smart auto gearbox - and it's hard not to find the CLS a soothing and rewarding experience.

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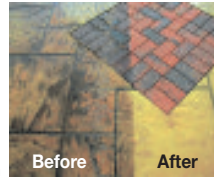
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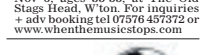


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Late goal sours day for Tividale

Heath Hayes 4 Tividale 3
TIVIDALE produced another sweet and sour performance at struggling Heath Hayes as they threw away the points.

The visitors dominated the opening exchanges with Russell, Kyle Hill and Jukes pulling the Hayes defence in all sort of directions.

It was no surprise when they took the lead in the 13th minute when James Cooper met the ball at the far post to score.

Tividale were stunned in the 27th minute when Chris Hancock belted the ball past the exposed Tim Beech to equalise.

Three minutes later Tividale restored their lead when skipper Richard Taylor headed the ball home.

The visitors went close on several occasions and looked to have won a penalty two minutes before half time when Jukes was upended just inside the box but referee Mr Kuzmanovic changed his mind after originally pointing to the spot after consulting with his assistant.

Heath Hayes equalised again in the 62nd minute when Chris Deakin headed home unmarked at the far post.

In the 73rd minute Hill scored the goal of the game when he lashed the ball home from 15 yards following a goalmouth scramble, but the visitors' lead lasted just six minutes when their hesitant defence conceded a penalty which Lee Smith despatched.

Heath Hayes secured their first home win of the season when David Waple found the net from close range.

McGarry the hero for Lions

SEDGLEY WHITE LIONS UNDER-9S hit the comeback trail to book their place in the next round of the League Cup.

The Lions were trailing 2-0 to Tipton at the break but rallied after the interval with goals from Tieron Guthrie, Travis Pitt and Harry Brookes took the score to 3-3 at full time.

There were no further goals in extra-time with tie going to penalties.

Keeper Jake McGarry emerged as the hero for Sedgley as he pulled off two saves as Lions won 3-1.

Summers' champion sparring sessions



Ricky Summers, left, and Carl Froch

WORLD CHAMPION Carl Froch has again put in a call to the Black Country for sparring partners as he prepares to defend his IBF super middleweight title.

He is in training to defend the crown he wrested from Lucian Bute in some style five months ago, going up against American Yusuf Mack next month.

It is the second straight title fight at the Nottingham Arena on November 17 for the 35-year-old, with Dudley's Ryan Aston also in action on the undercard.

Aston sparred with Froch before his last fight but, this time, Tipton's Ricky Summers was

by Craig Birch

brought in to put 'the Cobra' through his paces in the gym.

Summers travelled down with his new trainer Paul Gough to Froch's training base in Nottingham, with just one fight under his belt as a professional.

Froch needed a tall, rangy opponent boxing from an orthodox stance to mirror the actions of the 6ft-plus Mack and Summers easily fitted the bill.

The 25-year-old boxed for England and reached a national ABA semi-final in 2010 representing Team GB coach Bob

Dillion's club, Lions ABC in Dudley. Chris Eubank junior in London may be the next sparring assignment for Summers and the Black Country fighter is happy to hit the road for the best training.

He said: "It was a great experience with Carl. He's a world champion and I picked up a lot off him."

"He's a nice guy, as well and we had a good chat after the spar."

"He's so heavy-handed and you have to be switched on. He is so good at capitalising on your mistakes and cutting the range down."

"We went down there with a game plan, working with a long

jab and throwing all of my shots from there, because I am tall for the weight."

Summers has changed trainers to Gough from Shaun Cooper due to work commitments, as he needs his training sessions to be later in the evening.

The car dealer sells motors and parts from a small salvage yard and turned to Gough, who had originally expressed an interest when he turned pro.

Priory Park ABC in Dudley is his new training base and Summers has been told he will next box at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on November 30.

Slow start but Kings fight back to reign

Kingswinford 1st XI 6 Solihull Blossomfield 4

KINGSWINFORD were victorious in their first home game of the season against visitors Solihull Blossomfield who had recently been relegated from West Midlands Premier Division.

Perhaps pre-match nerves affected Kings because they were slow to get going. However some sharp passing by Kings led to them forcing a penalty corner.

Up stepped drag flick specialist Mark Wilson who converted in style into the top corner to put Kings in charge. Solihull then pushed forward and were rewarded with a penalty flick when the ball struck a defender's foot on the line, which they neatly converted past Kings keeper Tim Sanders.

Wilson repeated the magic this time dragging in to the bottom right from another penalty corner before Sam George neatly skipped a defender and smashed past the goalkeeper to put Kings 3-1 up going into the break.

Kings were slow to get going once again and Solihull took advantage scoring twice to level the score.

Wilson provided the honours for Kings once again finishing another penalty corner for Kings to regain the lead but Solihull scored again to make it four each with 20 minutes to go. Kings came close when Gary Oates hit the post but it was Gunet Uppal who collected a rebound and slipped it home to give Kings a 5-4 lead. Wilson buried the game, finishing another corner.

Wednesday 3 Kingswinford 2nd XI 3

Kingswinford put in their best performance of the season against a very strong Wednesday team.

Against the run of play Wednesday took the lead and it took the visitors almost the entire first half to get the equaliser. After great link-up play between the midfield, Bhadal controlled the through ball with great skill and lobbed the on-rushing keeper.

Kingswinford substitute Kuldip Randhawa seized his chances well and hammered home two unstoppable shots to make it 3-1. His second goal deserves a special mention after he controlled an excellent pass from Purewal on his reverse stick.

With five minutes to go disaster struck as Wednesday won two short corners converting both to goal level.

Injury and defeat make it Will's toughest day

WILL POTTINGER admits Sunday's Knockout Cup defeat at Mildenhall was the toughest day in his three years in charge of Dudley Heathens.

He says they now face a big challenge to bounce back and win silverware after losing Byron Bekker when he suffered back and knee injuries after a crash with team-mate Dan Greenwood. Pottinger said: "It was a hard day on Sunday and we were all very down, not just about the result but about the injury to Byron."

"We've been the best team in the league all season and this happens at the crunch. "It's such a shame but we have to cover for him as best we can and try to lift everyone."

"I'd say Sunday was probably the toughest day in my time in charge here so far."

"Byron has been a credit to the club this season, he has become a very popular member of the team."

"He's always got time for the fans and I know they appreciate that. It was such a savage blow to us when we lost him."

"It certainly affected the rest of the boys to. We struggled badly without him and it hit Dan Greenwood in particular, he was devastated by the crash."

"But it's time for us to lift ourselves and try and win it for Byron. We're not going to give up hope in the Knockout Cup although we've got a mountain to climb so we really need the support of the fans on October 23."

"You could see how badly hit our boys were by the incident at Mildenhall and we

Dudley Heathens

were never able to recover from that.

"Mildenhall rode superbly and took full advantage."

"It was one of those days and now we have a challenge to try to bounce back."

"We need to show some character and give it everything we've got."

Heathens fans travelled to West Row in big numbers and Pottinger said: "Our fans are amazing and all the boys really appreciate the backing we get from them."

"It's very much appreciated and we're going to need them in the remaining meetings of the season, that's for sure. We were all feeling a bit down and felt sorry for ourselves after the meeting on Sunday but we have the chance to hit back."

There are still tickets available for the club awards night on Friday, November 2. Almost 300 have gone for the event featuring live music from the Magos, at the Venue Conference Centre, High Street, Dudley.

Tickets at £10 and available from the track shop or the official website shop.

Best medals haul for club

FORTKNOCKS KARATE CLUB returned from the Kimura Cup championships with six golds, five silvers and a bronze medal.

SKF England Squad member Michael Baker showed major improvement to win his Kata (Forms) event in style, and was in form in the kumite (fighting), narrowly losing to England team mate in the lightweight senior final.

Emma Bradley took gold in the cadet senior kata against strong opposition and silver in the cadet under 12s heavyweight kumite.

Jack Preece claimed gold in the cadet peewee kumite event and silver in the kata event.

Joshua Jones also took gold in the cadet junior katal, showing great strength and charisma.

In his first tournament Paul Thompson reached his first final, but narrowly lost out to claim silver in the Adult Junior Kata event.

Lucy Sheldon put in a solid display for silver in the cadet junior kata.

In team events Joshua Jones and Callum Sheldon won gold in the team kata under 15s junior team kata.

Lucy Sheldon and Jack Preece also stormed to gold in the under 10s team kata juniors.

Emma Bradley, Callum Sheldon & Chloe Atwood also took bronze in the cadet team kumite event.

Club instructor Sensei Audun Daniels fifth Dan won gold in the



Members of Fortknocks Karate Clubs show off the spoils of their success

mens senior heavyweight category, and also took the best competitor award. Sensei Daniels was very pleased with all his student's results as this was the best medal haul the club has ever had.

Members are now back in training for the next competition on the calendar, and a few club members are in training for the European Championships in Finland next year.

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Casuals ground injury hit Robins

Wton Casuals 4 Dudley Town 1 PATCHED-UP Dudley Town were left with no reward for their efforts despite matching Wolverhampton Casuals for the majority of the contest.

The Robins had to contend with an injury list that is now running into double figures while Steve Edmunds has been handed a three-match ban, owing to his dismissal at Wellington Amateurs three weeks ago.

Casuals made the first breakthrough when Adam Callingswood tapped the ball into the empty net after Harper had pulled off a fine save from Mark Bellingham in the 15th minute.

But Wolves' lead only lasted 11 minutes. A Dudley corner was not cleared by their defence and Ross Love was on hand to fire the ball home from close range.

The game was held up for some time just before the half-hour mark as defender John Clapp was treated for a head injury following an innocuous collision with Dudley's Ron Francis-Mills. Dudley went behind just after the hour mark when substitute George Williams scored the net.

Casuals captain Jon Cordy made sure of victory when he stole in to smack the ball past Harper in the 85th minute. Bellingham made it 4-1 in the 89th minute with a cool finish.

Gornal are just perfect

Gornal Girls U13 3 Castle Bromwich Utd U13 1 GORNAL marched on as they maintained their perfect start to the season in the Central Warwickshire League.

Both sides went into the game with unblemished records but it was Gornal who sent out a title warning with another impressive display.

Castle Bromwich started well but the solid Gornal defence withstood the early pressure before taking the lead through winger Emily Smith.

A superb goalline clearance from AJ Longmore-Price kept Gornal in front and they took charge before the break with further goals from strikers Chloe Edwards and Toni O'Toole.

The visitors reduced the deficit in the second half but Gornal stood firm to take the points.



Mark Jones is getting ready for Holland

Jones goes Dutch on the PDC tour

by Craig Birch

BRIERLEY HILL'S Mark Jones will be a part of the PDC's next European tour event after a busy weekend on the Pro Tour.

The Black Country darter will be going to Holland later this month to compete in the Dutch Darts Masters after winning both of his games in Dublin.

The 42-year-old edged past Michael Barnard 6-4 on Friday afternoon and went the full 11 legs with William O'Connor before winning 6-5.

With qualification in the bag, Jones moved on to compete in the two Players Championship events, also staged at the City West Hotel in Dublin.

Jones was first up to the oche to face Stuart Kellett and gradually got the better of his opponent, taking the victory by 6-3.

That set up a second round meeting with the resurgent 'Rocket' Ronnie Baxter, the current World No 14 and a real test.

But Jones stunned Baxter, who took just a leg as he fell to the Black Country darter 6-1, then facing 'The Pie Man' Andy Smith.

Smith has risen to 19th in the Order of Merit but was another to come a cropper to Jones, who took his chances during the match to record a 6-3 victory.

However, Jones' Saturday was eventually derailed by former world youth champion Aaron Monk, who was in command at 6-1.

Jones returned for yesterday's final tournament but failed to get past the first round, again winning just a leg in a 6-1 defeat to Nigel Heydon.

But the former West Midlands county player again proved he can stun the world's best, a trait showed in beating James Wade last month.

With victories like that in the Players Championship, Jones has risen another place in the world rankings and now sits 73rd.

Bradley blasts United through

HOT-SHOT Liam Bradley hit six of the best to fire Pen-snett United into the next round of the Dudley Guest Hospital Cup.

Bradley's double hat-trick plus a single strike from Alex Perry saw United beat Spills Meadow 7-2.

Premier Division outfit FC Baggeridge edged past Division One side Tenth Lock.

Ian Davies, Stuart Mills and Scott Brown found the net for Baggeridge as they won 3-2. Matt Morton and Sean Grey replied for Tenth Lock.

Team Netherton hammered Dudley Olympic 11-1. Anton Kent's hat-trick plus doubles from Aiden Watkins and Craig Stevens helped see Team Netherton ease through.

Also on the scoresheet were Lee Male, Neil Corbett, Joe Lawley and Ryan Moore.

Bush Athletic and Britannia also sealed their places in the third round after victories over King William and Dudley United respectively.

In the Premier Division, Three Crowns went second after beating Lloyds 4-1.

Lewis Jones scored four times as Halesowen Members beat Forest Falcons 6-1 in Division One.

Curtis Pritchard and Kurt Wright added Halesowen's other goals. Carl Willsphar grabbed a consolation for Falcons.

Malt Shovel Athletic regained top spot after taming Sedgley White Lion 5-3.

Shovel are being chased hard by Village Dudley, who pipped Ruiton Harriers 3-2.

Elsewhere, Ocker Hill Waggon edged Barley Mow Wanderers 2-1.

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HOME SUPPORT AT DUDLEY FOR MALE

CRADLEY'S Chris Male will be supported by two fighters from his own gym on the undercard of his English title fight in Dudley.

Male will finally get his shot at the English featherweight crown next month against Leeds' Josh Warrington at the Venue on November 9.

And the punching postman will be backed up by Stourbridge's Steven Pearce and Dudley's Riswan Rasool on the bill of his home show.

All three are stable-mates at Shaun Cooper's gym in Brierley Hill and there's been a buzz in training as they prepare for their next ring date.

Male has seen two meetings with Joe Murray and a clash with Jon Fernandes called off before fight night, all with the vacant belt on the line.

With the title - which hasn't been competed for in six years - still up in the air, 'the Male Man' and Fernandes will have to risk their unbeaten records.

Challenge

Pearce will provide chief support having recovered from a broken hand in his previous fight, a points win over veteran Billy Smith two weeks ago.

Walsall Town Hall and Wolverhampton Civic Hall have been the battle grounds for 'Fierce Pearce' so far and Dudley is another home from home.

The 27-year-old light welterweight - a Midlands champion in the ABA Novices as an amateur - is unbeaten in five contests so far and is building up a reputation as a scrapper.

Rasool's winning debut on points at the New Bingley Hall in Birmingham eight months ago was his first competitive contest in over a decade.

by Craig Birch

The lightweight will now be pitted against the experience of Kristian Laight, 32, a veteran of 144 paid contests over the past nine years.

The Nuneaton journeyman may have lost 131 of them but is not to be underestimated, as Kevin Hanks found out to his cost.

Hanks came into battle with the same record as Rasool last Saturday night but lost his unbeaten record to the veteran.

Laight has been in with some tough fighters and Rasool had to fight tooth and nail to squeeze past the spirited challenge of Dan Carr when making his pro bow.

Also appearing on the bill is John Mason, who will make his pro debut at super middleweight against Trowbridge's Dan Phelps.

Mason is from Coventry but trains in the Black Country at the Wednesbury Boxing Academy and is trained by Errol Johnson.

Tickets are available now and the event is a dinner show, but passes can also be purchased just to watch the boxing at £30.

For the three-course meal, tickets are £60. For more information, call the Venue on 01384 453 104 or 07964 722 736.

Five-star Johnson leaves Falcons in a flutter



Dudley Sports Juniors Under-14s are hoping to mount a title challenge in Division. Sports are currently third.

PETER JOHNSON was the star turn as Dudley Sports Under-13s hit the comeback trail style to clip Forest Falcons West's wings.

Sports were left rocking after the Falcons swooped twice to open up a 2-0 lead.

Johnson reduced the deficit before half-time and then took centre stage after the interval.

The sharp-shooter hit the back of the net a further four times to fire

Dudley Sports Juniors

Sports to a 10-2 success.

Cameron Wilkinson offered some goalscoring support with a brace while Connor Gordon, Josh Worrall and Connor Gordon all scored once.

Junaid Tariq netted twice to help table-topping Dudley Sports

Dynamos Under-14s beat Warley Borough 3-0.

George Taylor added the other goal for Sports as they made it five wins out of five.

Jimmy Williams netted a consolation as Dudley Sports Juniors Under-14s went down 7-1 to Dudley Juniors.

Dudley Sports Under-16s had to settle for a point after sharing six goals with AFC Hinksford.

Will Spruce hit a double for Sports with Ollie Westbury also on target.

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